

Principles, criteria and process for selecting NGO Constituency Coordination Committee members

Guiding principles for the selection of a Northern NGO Constituency Coordination Committee member

- The Northern NGO Coordination Committee member will be selected on the basis of her/his individual capacity and competency rather than those of her/his organisation.
- Individuals should not be nominated by themselves or anyone else from their own NGO. Individuals should be nominated by someone from a different NGO and their nomination should be supported by at least 2 further NGOs
- Nominations should be supported by a statement from the supervisor / manager of the nominated person to the effect that the contracting NGO / network accepts that the candidate would spend at least 20% of their time performing the role of a Coordination Committee member.
- NGO Coordination Committee members will be selected from NGOs and networks that are eligible to be members of the NGO Constituency (this does not include NGOs or networks affiliated to, or including, governments, political parties, private sector companies or associations)
- If an NGO CC member leaves the NGO or network that they are working for and joins another NGO / network they can continue in the Coordination Committee role as long as they have the support required from their new organisation and this has the approval of the NGO Constituency Facilitation Group. The Facilitation group must approve the continuity of the NGO CC member based on the fulfilment of the guiding principles and ensure that the new NGO / network meets the criteria of eligibility for the NGO Constituency. A statement of support from the new NGO/network must also be submitted.
- One of the NGO Coordination Committee members must be contracted by a Northern NGO / network and one must be from a developing country and contracted by a Southern NGO / network
- At least one of the NGO Coordination Committee members must be a woman
- The 2 Coordination Committee members should collectively ensure that NGOs and networks with a geographical and thematic / sectoral remit are able to participate
- The selection process should ensure the right balance between a democratic, participatory and timely approach recognising that Coordination Committee members must be in place by 1st December 2011
- Working for an NGO with official status with FAO or any other UN body does not automatically result in selection as a Coordination Committee member. The Civil Society Mechanism and, therefore the NGO Constituency, is autonomous and self-organised.

Individual selection criteria for Northern NGO Constituency Coordination Committee member

All criteria are essential and must be met. There is no weighting or prioritisation of criteria

- Contracted by a Northern NGO or NGO network
- Nomination should be by an organisation other than the one contracting them and should be supported by at least 2 other NGOs
- Able to spend at least 20% of their time performing the role of the Coordination Committee member and commitment to continue role until at least end October 2012
- Demonstrable commitment to the organising principles of the Civil Society Mechanism (see TOR Annex 1) especially inclusiveness and prioritizing input from those most affected by hunger and malnutrition
- In depth knowledge and understanding of a broad range of food security and nutrition related policy issues (e.g. agriculture, nutrition, social protection, trade, right to food, food assistance, labour rights etc)
- Commitment and ability to ensure the active participation of a wide range of NGOs from around the world in the work of the NGO Constituency, the Civil Society Mechanism and the CFS.
- Has recent (within last 2 years) and substantial knowledge and experience of interacting with the CFS
- Excellent communication and facilitation skills and experience of international networking with a broad range of civil society constituencies, organizations, networks and sectors

Selection process

Formation of an ad hoc Selection Committee

It is proposed that an ad hoc Selection Committee is formed for the sole purpose of selecting the Northern NGO Constituency Coordination Committee members by 1st December 2011.

The following criteria inform the identification of members of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee members will be self-selected but should be as representative as possible of:

- different geographical regions
- different types of NGOs (national/regional/international; thematic etc ...)
- all NGOs
- gender

and

- recent and active involvement in the CFS and the establishment of the Civil Society Mechanism

The Selection Committee will have a maximum of 25 members and will identify a coordinator for the process.

A list of Selection Committee members will be made available once confirmed.

The final list of Selection Committee members will be posted on the Global Food Security and Nutrition Dialogue webspace <http://foodnutgov.ning.com> and disseminated with the call for nominations

If any members of the Selection Committee are nominated in the selection process, this excludes the individual and their organisation from the Selection Committee.

Call for nominations 1st November

On 1st November a call for nominations will be distributed in English to all contact persons in the database. The call for nominations will include:

- An explanatory email
- Terms of Reference for the NGO Coordination Committee members
- The principles, criteria and process for selection
- Nomination form

Nominations between 1st November to 15th November

NGOs will be invited to nominate individuals from other organisations by 17h GMT on 15th November 2010. Each NGO is allowed to nominate / support a maximum of 1 nominees. Nomination forms and supporting documents should be sent to the following email address: ngo4cfs@gmail.com

A list of nominees and nominating NGOs will be posted on the Global Food Security and Nutrition Dialogue webspace <http://foodnutgov.ning.com>

Selection of CC members 15th – 30th November

The nominations will be assessed by the Selection Committee and a final decision made by consensus by 17h GMT on 30th November.

If consensus cannot be reached then the Committee will agree on a short list of a maximum of 5 nominees and each member of the Selection Committee will rank the 5 nominees on the short list according to the extent to which they think each meets the selection criteria.