
**Update on IFAD's engagement with the Committee
on World Food Security**

Addendum

**Management's response to Member States'
comments**

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Comments from Switzerland	Management response
<p>Switzerland welcomes the document (EB 2022/136/R.26) and IFAD's active engagement with the CFS. Switzerland encourages IFAD to continue and intensify:</p>	<p>IFAD welcomes Switzerland's comments and suggestions regarding the document EB 2022/136/R.26. As detailed therein, IFAD remains a committed member and contributor to the CFS and will continue to provision significant support towards ensuring that the CFS work translates into impact on the ground in the Member States.</p>
<p>(1) financial contributions & lending of IFAD staff expertise to the workstreams and OEWG;</p>	<p>IFAD continues to make an annual financial contribution to the CFS together with the other Rome-based agencies. Furthermore, IFAD's technical staff are engaged in all major workstreams of this year's Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW): gender, youth and data. Also, IFAD actively participates in high-level events hosted by CFS of importance to the food security agenda, and in supporting the organization of high-level events that occur during the CFS plenary, such as the International Day of Rural Women. This will continue in the future.</p>

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(2) operationalization, dissemination and promotion of CFS products;	<p>As detailed in EB 2022/136/R.26, IFAD provides significant additional in-kind support for development of the CFS database that supports the CFS in strengthening and structuring the availability and dissemination of its products. IFAD will continue to provide support in this area.</p> <p>IFAD has also established a knowledge sharing forum. A first session was held earlier this year and a second event will take place after the CFS session to be held in October to improve IFAD staff knowledge of CFS and its products. The first session provided an opportunity for fruitful discussions among IFAD's operations staff and the CFS secretariat on how to improve dissemination of CFS products, increase staff awareness of the existing database and identify potential hurdles to the uptake of policy products on the ground.</p>
(3) feeding back into CFS B&AG meetings IFAD's experience with CFS products within its IFAD's activities; (4) the use, development and promotion of IFAD's CFS database;	<p>IFAD expertise feeds heavily into the development of CFS policy products and underpins its own mainstreaming efforts in regards to nutrition, youth and gender.</p> <p>One of the biggest gains from IFAD's engagement with CFS is the collaborative nature of developing these negotiated documents, which allows for an exchange of lessons learned and best practices. IFAD is consistently engaged in the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meetings, including occasional high-level participation by Associate Vice-Presidents on topics such as finance for development. Additionally, IFAD has used these meetings to draw attention to its own work, particularly on the existing database, raising awareness of the current critical food crisis situation and collaboration on CFS events.</p>

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<p>(5) IFAD's input into the strategic discussion that should result in the next CFS MYPOW by particularly feeding in IFAD's experience with young actors in the rural context.</p>	<p>As per its normal engagement, IFAD will provide inputs to the MYPoW for 2024-2027. Earlier this year, IFAD was included in the e-consultation on the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) 3rd note on critical, emerging and enduring issues, which was developed to assist members in prioritizing future actions and identifying key focal areas, and to inform the preparation of the next MYPoW. IFAD is prepared to continue to participate in these discussions (once they begin) and ensure they are inclusive of the rural contexts lens that is core to IFAD's mandate. As noted by Switzerland, IFAD has made a significant effort to mainstream youth within its portfolio. This focus has filtered into discussions in the existing youth workstream as noted in the update, and IFAD will continue to emphasize the importance of approaches and policies that are inclusive of rural youth communities, such as financial investment and training in agricultural practices.</p>