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

Addendum

Management response to Member States' comments

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Comments from Brazil	Management response
<p>Brazil thanks Management for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter. We are a strong advocate for IFAD's strategic engagement with and support to the Committee on World Food Security for the development of its products.</p>	<p>IFAD thanks Brazil for its review of and comments on the document Update on IFAD's engagement with the Committee on World Food Security.</p>
<p>In paragraph 2, we would like to inquire if it would be possible to increase the annual financial cash contribution to the CFS Secretariat, as well as to request information on the contribution, if any, to the UNFSS hub.</p>	<p>In line with previous years, IFAD is currently working on a proposal to provide the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Secretariat with a cash grant contribution of US\$1,000,000 for the period 2023–2024 to facilitate the early planning of the activities of the CFS Secretariat. The proposal is currently undergoing internal review.</p> <p>IFAD is also considering providing the CFS Secretariat with a staff secondment.</p> <p>As IFAD's CFS contribution is funded from the Fund's grant programme, considering the reduction in regular grant resources, it would be difficult to increase IFAD's cash contribution above the agreed shared contribution of the Rome-based agencies.</p>
<p>We would like to request more information on the training toolkits referenced in paragraph 3(ii). What have been the capacity-building activities, for which CFS products and in which countries or regions?</p>	<p>IFAD has referenced CFS products such as the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGTs) in how-to-do land tenure toolkits (for youth and gender) and in IFAD's Rural Youth Action Plan 2021–2028. IFAD has also used CFS products in the IFAD/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) online peer-to-peer training programme called GeoTech4Tenure. This programme aims to enhance the capacity of IFAD and FAO country and project teams and their partners to secure tenure rights as a key factor for rural transformation and social inclusion in a manner that is consistent with the principles of the VGGTs.</p>
<p>Paragraph 5 mentions the recruitment process of the new CFS Secretary. We would appreciate more information on number and country of origin on candidates, and on the timeline for concluding the selection process.</p>	<p>IFAD acknowledges Brazil's comment. As IFAD is not directly involved in administering the recruitment process for the new CFS Secretary, it is kindly suggested that Brazil consult directly with the CFS Secretariat.</p>

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<p>We would like to request that paragraph 6 be deleted. Although the event in question provided an interesting venue for informal conversations, it is not part of the official agenda of the CFS. Likewise, its findings and recommendations are not a CFS agreed document, and should not inform IFAD's work with the CFS.</p>	<p>We acknowledge and accept Brazil's proposal.</p>
<p>In paragraph 8 (b) we would appreciate the use of the full name of the document that has been agreed upon: "CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and Related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision-making in Support of the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the context of National Food Security". Still in the same paragraph, the expression "what the governance norms should be" is preempting discussions on the matter. We suggest replacing it with "further discussions on FSN data governance".</p>	<p>IFAD acknowledges Brazil's comment and will ensure that the title is changed to reflect the title of the document as agreed upon.</p> <p>IFAD will also accept the suggested change in the same paragraph and will modify the phrase "what the governance norms should be" to read: "further discussions on FSN data governance".</p>
<p>In paragraph 8(c), is Management considering providing any specific contribution to finance lines of work in the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2024-2027? If so, which ones? Also in this paragraph, we would like to highlight two areas of work in the Multi-Year Programme of Work that could be of special relevance for IFAD: (i) Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition and (ii) Preserving, strengthening and promoting Indigenous</p>	<p>IFAD's annual cash contribution to the CFS provides support for the functioning of the CFS Secretariat as well as the implementation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW). Approximately 30 per cent of the total contribution goes towards events, 10 per cent towards communication and the remaining, largest share towards implementation of the various MYPoW activities. We should highlight that these are estimates; the final allocations are determined in line with CFS's budgeting process, which IFAD supports.</p> <p>IFAD will continue to provide technical expertise and support through its staff in the areas identified in the MYPoW. Some that are of particular interest for IFAD, in addition to those mentioned by Brazil, are: "Strengthening responsible investment and financing</p>

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Peoples' food and knowledge systems and traditional practices for sustainable food systems.	for food security and nutrition"; "The role and rights of agriculture and food systems workers"; and the "Global thematic event on investing in family farming".
In paragraph 9, we suggest including the word "scientific" before "evidence".	IFAD acknowledges Brazil's comment and assures Brazil that it will promote the development of CFS products that are informed by scientific evidence and technical know-how.
Finally, in paragraph 20, we suggest the following wording: IFAD is committed to supporting the food security and nutrition and the Right to Food agendas and... (...) reaching the ultimate goal of a world free of poverty, hunger and food insecurity."	IFAD acknowledges Brazil's comment and will apply the change suggested.

Comments from Switzerland	Management response
Switzerland thanks IFAD for the update on IFAD's engagement with the Committee on World Food Security. We are pleased to see that the CFS is a key priority for IFAD's corporate global engagement.	IFAD thanks Switzerland for its review of and comments on the document Update on IFAD's engagement with the Committee on World Food Security.
We would encourage IFAD to increase the annual financial cash contribution to the CFS Secretariat. This would allow CFS to further promote policy convergence and coherence on global food security and nutrition issues, ensuring that the voices of all relevant stakeholders are heard, particularly those most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition.	<p>In line with previous years, IFAD is currently working on a proposal to provide the CFS Secretariat with a cash grant contribution of US\$1,000,000 for the period 2023–2024 to facilitate the early planning of the activities of the CFS Secretariat. The proposal is currently undergoing internal review.</p> <p>IFAD is also considering providing the CFS Secretariat with a staff secondment.</p> <p>As IFAD's CFS contribution is funded from the Fund's grant programme, considering the reduction in regular grant resources, it would be difficult to increase IFAD's cash contribution above the agreed shared contribution of the Rome-based agencies.</p>

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<p>We are interested to learn more on how CFS's voluntary guidelines and policy recommendations inform IFAD's work and how IFAD implements them, e.g. the policy recommendations on youth or agroecology or the CFS Principles on Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems.</p>	<p>IFAD has explicitly referenced CFS products such as the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGTs) in how-to-do land tenure toolkits (for youth and gender) and in IFAD's Rural Youth Action Plan 2021–2028. IFAD has also used CFS products in the IFAD/FAO online peer-to-peer training programme called GeoTech4Tenure. This programme aims to enhance the capacity of IFAD and FAO country and project teams and their partners to secure tenure rights as a key factor for rural transformation and social inclusion in a manner that is consistent with the principles of the VGGTs.</p>
<p>We also look forward to the engagement of IFAD in the future CFS workstream on enhancing efforts and increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes at all levels.</p>	<p>IFAD acknowledges Switzerland's comment and assures Switzerland that the Fund will be engaged in this specific workstream, among others, and will support CFS efforts to increase awareness about CFS products and their use at all levels.</p>