

## **CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2024-2027**

**DEADLINE: Monday 20 Mar 2023**

### ***WRITTEN FEEDBACK***

Dear CFS Chair and Secretariat,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written feedback to the preliminary proposals presented at the 1st Meeting of the MYPoW 2024-2027. As commented during the meeting, we held consultations with a few partners, and, in the spirit of contribution and collaboration, decided to not submit proposals, but rather to carefully analyze the ideas presented, with the aim of identifying how the philanthropic sector could better support CFS and its constituencies and stakeholders.

While reviewing the proposals, we responded the template according to the suggested process (annex), but thought it would be appropriate to provide a few additional comments:

- We heard from different partners that it would be good to decide on one topic dedicated to policy negotiations per year (Strategic Objective 2), preferably aligned with the issues raised by HLPE Note on Critical, emerging and enduring issues. This would open space for two additional topics, considering the already decided inequalities (23/24) and urban and peri-urban (24/25) workstreams;
- We also heard that CFS could strengthen its platform function (Strategic Objective 1), being more innovative in different modalities for convenings and supportive debates. Some of the topics that are not chosen for policy negotiations could be considered for these discussions, for example, by exploring the organization of ad hoc intersessional and others events, thus profiting from the plural and inclusive characteristics of the CFS;
- In our internal discussions between the philanthropic organizations, we heard support for topics that align with some of the proposals, in particular:

- **Financing food system transformation** (related to proposals 1, 16, 17): building on previous work of the CFS (RAI and policy recommendations on multi-stakeholders partnerships for financing the 2030 Agenda), but going beyond to include discussions on i) redirecting public investments (incentives and subsidies), ii) national and regional-level financing mechanism, and iii) environmental and social accounting in investments; iv) the infrastructure to finance food system transformations from public, private, grassroots and blended finance approaches;
- **Update and advance previous work** of the CFS with more recent knowledge and context, in particular what has been suggested by proposals:
  - 33 (sustainable fisheries and aquaculture);
  - 3, 4, 8, 12, 25 and 27 (conflicts and the fragility of food systems);
  - 6 and 13 (Indigenous food systems, and their knowledge systems, technologies and practices);
  - 5 (investing in family farming).
- Strong support to initiate actions to **more clearly articulate and strengthen the impact of CFS decisions**, highlighting the value added of CFS for the global community. This is very much aligned with Proposal 36.

While there is a diverse list for consideration, we agree with the observations made by the Chair that there is significant overlap between proposals, and that convergence is possible to be achieved in the upcoming discussions. We believe the real challenge will be to find the most appropriate formats and activities that would strengthen the value of the CFS for the global community.

We are fully committed to keep supporting this and we remain at your disposal for any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism  
Agroecology Fund, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

**TEMPLATE FOR WRITTEN INPUTS ON PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS BASED ON THEMATIC CLUSTERS**

**1. CONSTITUENCY**

Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism

**2. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTING TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1**

[SO1 Platform: Leverage the convening power as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform to discuss the FSN situation and coordinate collective action at all levels]

*(Please indicate your TOP FOUR preferred topics in the table below (ranked from 1 to 4))*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RANK</b>
Financing agriculture and food systems for food security and nutrition (Proposal 1)	1
Global food security and nutrition crisis - conflicts and the fragility of food systems (Proposal 3, 4, 8)	2
Family farming (Proposal 5)	2
Indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge (Proposal 6)	2
Right to Food (Proposal 7, 37)	
Building resilient and sustainable food systems/supply chains (Proposal 9)	
Others (Proposal 2)	

*Additional comments, if any:*

**3. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTING TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2**

[SO2 Policy: Develop voluntary global policy guidance for policy convergence and coherence to achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote the progressive realization of the right to adequate food]

*(Please indicate your TOP FOUR preferred topics in the table below (ranked from 1 to 4))*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RANK</b>
Financing agriculture and food systems for food security and nutrition (Proposal 16, 17)	1

Global food security and nutrition crisis - conflicts and the fragility of food systems (Proposal 12)	2
Building resilient and sustainable food systems/supply chains (Proposal 11, 13)	2
Infectious diseases challenging food security and nutrition (Proposal 10, 14)	
Addressing climate change and biodiversity loss (Proposal 18, 20)	
Roles and rights of workers and employment in food systems (Proposal 19)	2
Territorial governance and local and regional government engagement (Proposal 15, 21)	

*Additional comments, if any:*

**4. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTING TO BOTH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1 and 2**

*(Please indicate your TOP FOUR preferred topics in the table below (ranked from 1 to 4))*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RANK</b>
Global food security and nutrition crisis - conflicts and the fragility of food systems (Proposal 25, 27)	2
Indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge (Proposal 23)	2
Building resilient and sustainable food systems/supply chains (Proposal 24, 29, 35)	1
Addressing climate change and biodiversity loss (Proposal 22)	
Roles and rights of workers and employment in food systems (Proposal 26, 28, 30)	
Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition (Proposal 33, 34)	1
Others (Proposals 31, 32)	

*Additional comments, if any:*

**5. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PROPOSED SUPPORTING ACTIVITY(IES)\* IN THE TABLE BELOW**

*(These include, among others, the organization of the annual Plenary session with associated communication and outreach activities, CFS Chairperson’s activities in support of CFS, preparation of the work programme, and discussions on rules of procedure, as necessary. They also include activities that are associated with outputs 2.2 (Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition – GSF) and 3.1 (conclusions of follow-up and review sessions) and 3.2 (communication and outreach)*

***\*[Please note that the supporting activities will be discussed and finalized at a later stage, after the prioritization of the thematic workstreams. Therefore, you are invited to indicate your support on proposal 36 below and/or, if you wish, indicate additional ones]***

X	Uptake of CFS policy guidance (Proposal 36)
	Others (specify below)