



CFS 49

11-14 October 2021

Overview of CFS 49

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting
24 November 2021



For more information, visit:
www.fao.org/cfs/plenary/cfs49

Overview

- 1,300 Delegates registered, including 10 Ministers, 7 Vice-Ministers
- 122 Members and 9 Non-Members
- 16 UN Agencies and Bodies
- 121 Civil society organizations
- 2 International agricultural research organizations
- 2 International and regional financial institutions
- 53 Private sector associations and private philanthropic foundations
- 26 Observers

Sessions

- 2021 State of Food Security and Nutrition report
- Uptake of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition
- The implications of the UN Food Systems Summit on CFS
- Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems
- Monitoring CFS Policy Recommendations on Climate Change and Water
- CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work, and other ongoing CFS workstreams and priorities

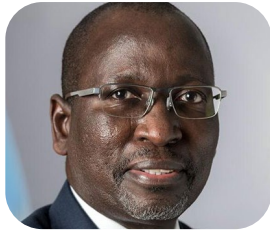
The Plenary also featured a Special Event, divided into two parts:

- Observance of International Day of Rural Women, organized by IFAD
- Synergies and opportunities between CFS and the three Rio Conventions, organized by the CFS Secretariat

Speakers



Mr António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General



H.E. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President, ECOSOC



Ms Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General



H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand



H.E. Mariam Al Mehairi, Minister for Climate Change & Environment, UAE



Mr Thanawat Tiensin, former CFS Chairperson



Dr QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General



Mr Gilbert Houngbo, IFAD President



Mr David Beasley, WFP Executive Director



Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP



Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary, UNCBD



Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD



Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC



Mr Martin Cole, Chairperson of the HLPE Steering Committee



Prof Jeffrey D. Sachs, Columbia University



Martin Frick, Deputy UNFSS Special Envoy

Side Events

To enrich and complement the CFS 49 Plenary, CFS gave its partners and stakeholders an opportunity to highlight their work in 16 virtual side events over four days on diverse topics ranging from data to youth to land rights and finance.

More information, including summaries and recordings, are available on the [CFS 49 webpage](#).

Coverage

IISD's Earth Negotiations Bulletin covered CFS 49 producing daily summaries and a final report distributed to its unique mailing list of about 60,000 sustainable development practitioners and posted on the CFS website. The CFS 49 report and all relevant documents including speeches, presentations and national statements are on the [CFS 49 webpage](#).