



# Overview of the Committee on World Food Security



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## What does food security mean?

You are food secure if:

- ✓ you can produce or buy the food you need and
- ✓ you always have enough food for a healthy balanced diet.

It is estimated that more than a billion people - one in every six human beings - may be food insecure.



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CFS is the United Nations intergovernmental forum for reviewing and following up on policies concerning world food security.



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## Roles of CFS

- Coordination at the global level
- Policy convergence
- Support and advice to countries and regions
- Coordination at national and regional levels
- Promote accountability and share best practices at all levels
- Develop a Global Strategic Framework for food security and nutrition



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## A new CFS

In 2009 CFS was reformed in response to the international community's demand for greater coherence in the global governance of food security.

The new CFS will...

- ✓ Be a cycle of intersessional activities at various levels
- ✓ Be inclusive
- ✓ Be driven by the reality on the ground
- ✓ Rely on state of the art knowledge
- ✓ Be flexible and responsive to emerging challenges



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## The World Summit on Food Security

In the 2009 World Summit on Food Security Five principles were unanimously adopted which represent a new consensus on global food security.

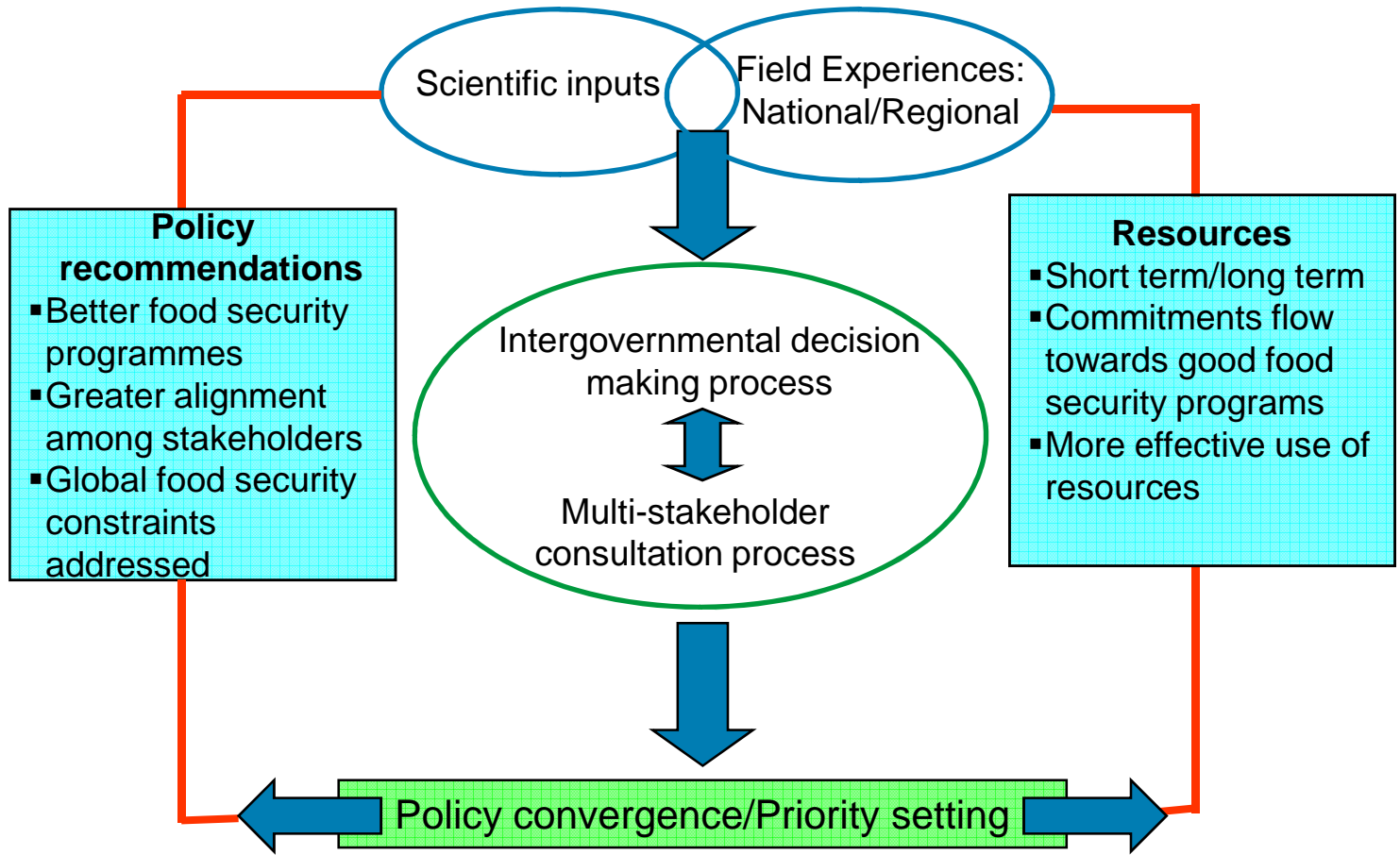
Principle 2 provides support to CFS:

“Foster strategic coordination at national, regional and global level to:

- improve governance
- promote better allocation of resources
- avoid duplication of efforts
- identify response-gaps”



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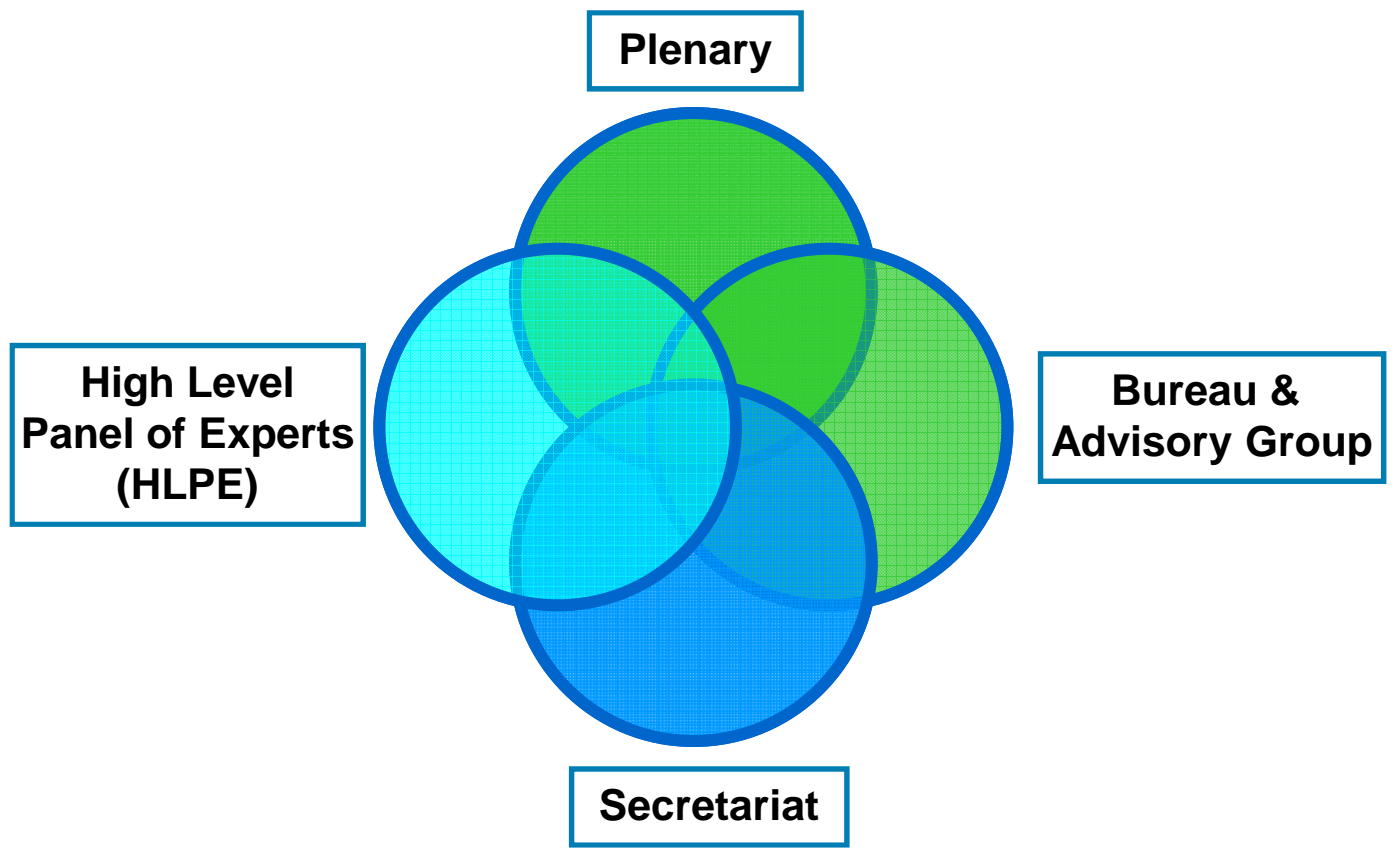
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### The Structure of CFS





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## A Multi-Stakeholder Platform

CFS is the foremost platform for all stakeholders to work together towards the elimination of hunger and ensuring food security and nutrition for all.

CFS Stakeholders include:

- ✓ Governments
- ✓ UN Agencies
- ✓ International Financial Institutions (IFIs)
- ✓ Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- ✓ Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
- ✓ Technical and scientific experts (HLPE)
- ✓ Private sector associations
- ✓ Private philanthropic organizations



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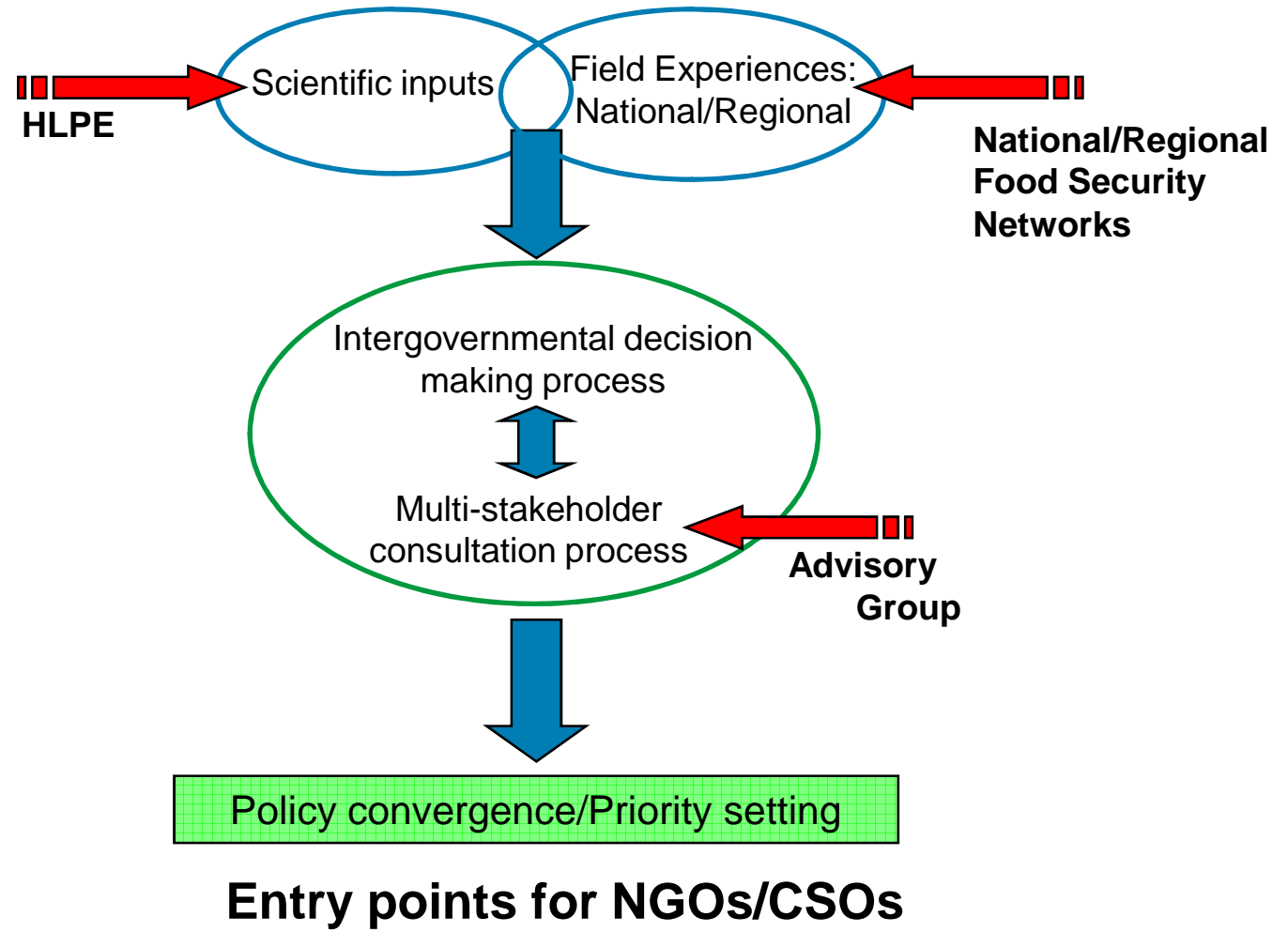
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## How to find out more

- Visit the CFS website: [www.fao.org/cfs](http://www.fao.org/cfs)
- Read the CFS Reform Press Release (available on the CFS website)
- Read the CFS Reform Document (available on the CFS website)
- Email the CFS Secretariat: [cfs@fao.org](mailto:cfs@fao.org)

## Next session

The 36th Plenary Session of CFS will be on 11 - 14 October 2010