

PSM 2021 Elections

Timeline

Every two years, the PSM elects its focal point.

Tasks include: coordinating the Mechanism’s regular calls and committee structures, issuing the newsletter and updates, registering the delegations to CFS, preparation of workplans, budgets and reporting to both members and CFS.

The PSM Modalities [<https://agrifood.net/documents/international-agri-food-network/152- psm-modalities-2011-1>] **dictate that:**

“To facilitate efficiency and co-ordination, a nominee from the focal point will be appointed to the Advisory Group for a period of two years. The focal point will inform the Bureau of that nominee. One alternate will be designated.

Key selection criteria include:

- a) Ability to participate regularly in Advisory Group meetings in person or via tele-conference and video conferencing facilities
- b) Demonstrable commitment to the CFS
- c) Ability to network with a broad range of constituencies, organizations, networks and sectors
- d) Communication and networking skills
- e) The overall balance of the Advisory Group seats should reflect the principle of gender balance and the priority given to constituencies representing the agri-food sector.

28. The essential tasks of the private sector focal point the Advisory Group member will be to share information and to present the range of views of the private sector, with an emphasis on any common positions that the private sector may have developed.

29. The focal point will aim for the maximum possible participation and the most useful points of participation in the Bureau and the overall CFS process. The Advisory Group will respect the organizing principles of the private sector, in line with the *CFS: 2009/2 Rev. 2, para 17* [<http://www.fao.org/3/a-k7197e.pdf>].”

The below timeline will be used to manage the 2021 focal point election process:

January newsletter	Call for nominations for candidates in e-mailing to all members Call posted to Website
April 2	Close the open call
April 16	Communicate the list of candidates to all members
June 8	Vote during PSM AGM

The current focal point is the International Agri-Food Network (IAFN).