



Open Ended Working Group (OEWG)

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

CFS OEWG-SDGs Meeting # 5

Date: 24 July 2017

Time: 14:00-17:00

Location: Auditorium, WFP

Outcomes

Fifth meeting of the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Agenda

- 1- Welcoming remarks by WFP and opening by the Chair
- 2- Feedback on the High Level Political Forum 2017 (for information and discussion)
- 3- Draft CFS contribution to the 2018 HLPF (for discussion and agreement)
- 4- Decision text for CFS 44 (for discussion and agreement)

Outcomes

1- Welcome by the OEWG Chair

Ms Mihoko Tamamura, Director, PGR, welcomed on behalf of WFP the OEWG-SDG participants, and recalled WFP's commitment and support to the Committee's work to advance the 2030 Agenda. The OEWG Chair opened the meeting by presenting the agenda. On point 3 he recalled that, following the CFS 43 decision for contributions to be agreed *in Plenary* beyond 2017; following the last OEWG discussion on a draft outline for CFS' 2018 contribution to the HLPF calling for a lighter contribution; following a round of written consultations on a revised draft (inputs available on the SDG workstream page); and following his invitation email inviting any last remaining issue to be brought up in advance and shared with OEWG participants, he expected this final OEWG-SDG meeting to discuss last minor changes and agree on a finalized document to be presented in CFS Plenary 44 for endorsement.

2- Feedback on the High Level Political Forum 2017 (for information and discussion)

The CFS Secretariat updated CFS Members and stakeholders on CFS' engagement in the High Level Political Forum, through:

- The participation of the CFS Chair, HLPE Steering Committee Chair, and CFS OEWG-SDG Chair, in the Expert Group Meeting on SDG2 organized in New York on 12-13 June
- The Participation of the CFS Chair as panellist in the HLPF thematic session on "Countries in special situations"; the participation of the HLPE Steering Committee Chair as lead discussant in the "SDG2 review", and the participation of the CFS Chair in the plenary discussion of this session, where she delivered to the HLPF the five key messages agreed by the OEWG-SDG for the 2017 HLPF contribution.
- The organization of two side-events, on "Ensuring that no-one is left behind: Addressing hunger and poverty in protracted crises", in collaboration with the RBAs and hosted by the Netherlands, and on "Addressing the hunger-poverty nexus: the role of policy coherence in

the 2030 Agenda”, together with the European Center for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), hosted by the governments of Finland, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

- Reflection of elements of CFS key messages in the ministerial declaration outcome endorsed by the HLPF, and by ECOSOC.

The OEWG Chair complemented the update by sharing feedback on the uses of CFS’ contribution during the negotiations, the preparation of VNRs, and of the HLPF SDG2 review.

The OEWG Chair invited members and stakeholders to share their experience in reaching out to their counterparts in New York to share the result of CFS work on the 2017 HLPF review, as well as stock-taking reflections, in anticipation of the CFS 44 Plenary discussion.

3- Draft CFS contribution to the 2018 HLPF (for discussion and agreement)

The OEWG Chair presented the draft contribution to the 2018 HLPF review developed with the support of the CFS Secretariat and technical task team, and submitted for a round of written consultations (5-17 July). Amendments were made to the contribution based on the written comments submitted and the meeting made further amendments. The draft contribution was agreed, to be submitted to CFS Plenary for discussion and endorsement.

4- Decision text for CFS 44 (for discussion and agreement)

The OEWG Chair presented the CFS 44 draft decision text, to be discussed and agreed in the OEWG before submission to the CFS Bureau for electronic approval through a no objection procedure.

A discussion took place related to the process to update the 2018 contribution based on CFS 44 discussion through finalization by the Bureau and Advisory Group; on the role of the Plenary discussion, requested to take place at the end of the process to finalize the draft contributions (2019 and beyond); as well as on the process to develop the contributions in the intersessional period, through 2 proposed meetings to provide guidance on priority issues, as well as to finalize the contribution before conveying to the Bureau and Advisory Group. The OEWG agreed to propose that:

- the 2018 CFS contribution to the HLPF be further updated, on the basis of Plenary discussion and decisions, by the Secretariat, where appropriate in consultation with relevant stakeholders, and finalised by the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group;
- the 2019 CFS contribution to the HLPF be developed through the following process: (i) inclusive meeting to provide guidance, (ii) Secretariat and technical task team to develop draft contribution, (iii) inclusive meeting to finalise draft contribution; (iv) Bureau to clear contribution, in consultation with Advisory Group; and (v) Plenary to discuss and endorse.

Amendments were provided to the decision text for the CFS 44 discussion on SDGs, and to the draft MYPoW section dedicated to future work to advance the 2030 Agenda, reflecting the agreement reached in the room.

The Chair thanked the OEWG for their participation and feedback, and informed them that, due to tight calendar deadlines for Plenary document processing this year and as anticipated at the last meeting, the amendments agreed in the meeting would be considered final and the decision text conveyed as such to the Bureau for final endorsement.