

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting

Date: 03 May 2018

Auditorium, WFP, 10:00 – 13:00

Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes

Agenda

1. CFS 45 Draft Provisional Agenda and Draft Timetable
2. CFS Evaluation
 - a. Plan of Action
 - b. Implementation Report
 - c. Clarification on additional info needed on expenditures and budget allocations (Action A3.5 of the response to Evaluation Rec. 3)
3. Workstreams update and Budget update
4. Any other business

The CFS Chair, Mr Mario Arvelo, welcomed the participants to the joint meeting and acknowledged the presence of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and the renewed engagement of philanthropic foundations. The provisional agenda of the meeting was adopted.

1. CFS 45 Draft Provisional Agenda and Draft Timetable

In his introduction, the Chair recalled that both the Draft Provisional Agenda and Draft Timetable were presented at the last joint meeting in January 2018. The Chair updated the participants on the discussions he had with FAO, which are reflected in the new drafts. He noted that CFS45 will now start on Monday 15th and close on Friday 19th, with Tuesday 16th dedicated to a World Food Day activities including a high level event with CFS participation, including speakers from CSM and PSM, the details of which are still being finalized. A decision on the Urbanization and Rural Transformation item was deferred to the Bureau meeting as extra-budgetary financial support had not been forthcoming, which did not enable the organization of the intersessional events which would have led to a subsequent decision on the 2019 activities.

Participants expressed positive feedback on the new drafts and made some suggestions for consideration, which were noted by the Chair and the Secretariat.

Some of the suggestions made were: to link the nutrition session with the outcomes of an Expert Group Meeting that UNSCN is organizing in June in New York; to start implementing ideas for making the Plenary “move vibrant”; to clarify how World Food Day will involve CFS; to invite the UN Secretary General; to make some reference during CFS to the International Day of Rural Women as it will be celebrated on Monday 15 October; to clarify why SOFA is part of CFS; to complete delegates’ statements on SOFI on Monday; to move the Evaluation session to Wednesday; to update on the status of the Urbanization/Rural Transformation workstream; to invite the UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Food; to insert in the agenda a session to discuss the topic of an HLPE report for 2020; to clarify the follow up process to the HLPE report on Multistakeholders’ Partnerships and when the language versions of the report will be available; to expand the time allocated for the discussion of the Nutrition TORs; to consider convening the Drafting Committee on Wednesday; and to encourage a side event on Family Farming, in connection to the UN Decade which will start next year.

2. CFS Evaluation

The Chair introduced the item and passed the floor to the co-facilitators, Tian Jiani (China) and Oliver Mellenthin (Germany), to guide the discussion.

a. Plan of Action

The Co-facilitators noted that the Bureau had already endorsed the document in the last meeting and the only addition was the decision text to be presented to the Plenary. Some participants expressed the view that the text was not fully agreed or negotiated.

b. Implementation Report

The Co-facilitators noted that the consultation process was on schedule and all elements of the Implementation Report have been discussed. Some contentious issues are outstanding, but they will be dealt with either bilaterally or during a meeting on 14 May. Several sections of the Annex are still pending, including the TORs of the Chair and of the Secretary, which are still under review by the FAO Legal office. In addition, the CFS Chair urged the Bureau to tackle the response to Recommendation 4, and he will share a proposal in advance of the Evaluation meeting of 14 June.

The Co-facilitators asked specific guidance on the format of the document for Plenary (either a short core document with an annex or a longer core document without annexes).

c. Clarification on additional information needed on expenditures and budget allocations (Action A3.5 of the response to Evaluation Rec. 3)

It was suggested to provide more detailed and disaggregated information on budget, including information on the CFS Secretariat staff and budget allocations for CFS workstreams and expenditures. A strategic discussion was required when there was a funding gap to decide how to address it, staying as much as possible within the agreed MYPoW and involving funding partners. It was also suggested including budget information for all members of the Advisory Group.

3. Workstreams update and Budget update

The CFS Chair debriefed on the outreach activities, his participation in all FAO Regional Conferences to date, the participation in the Global Agripreneurs Summit in Istanbul, the presentation of the CFS44 report to the Economic and Social Council, and the back-to-back meetings in New York and Washington D.C., highlighting his encounters with members of CSM and PSM throughout his travels.

Mr El-Taweel (Egypt), Chair of the Nutrition OEWG, provided an update on the workstream.

Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica) informed of his participation in the Third Summit of Regions on Food Security in Ecuador on behalf of CFS.

The Secretariat informed the meeting that a proposal for a side event at HLPF 2018 was submitted.

Although FAO-RAI work is not a CFS workstream, participants welcomed the uptake of CFS-RAI by FAO and agreed there is a need to give visibility to what AG members are doing to promote CFS products.

4. AOB

None.

Annex 1: List of attendees

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Ms Jiani Tian (China); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Mr Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt); Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa (Ethiopia); Mr Pierfrancesco Sacco, Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Ms Anna-Marie Moulton (South Africa); Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain (Sudan); Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland); Ms Emily Katkar, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Nazareno Montani (Argentina); Mr Manash Mitra (Bangladesh); Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany).

Advisory Group:

Ms Marcela Villarreal, Mr Panagiotis Karfakis (FAO); Ms Stephanie Hochstetter, Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Mr Torben Nilsson (IFAD); Ms Marzella Wustefed (WHO); Ms Stineke Oenema (UNSCN); Ms Editrudith Lukanga, Ms Ramona Dumicioiu, Mr Martin Wolpold-Bosien (CSM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Ammad Balim, Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (BMGF); Mr R.D. Cooke (CGIAR).

Observers:

Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva (Dominican Republic); Ms Ángeles Gómez (Mexico); Ms Nora Mckeen, Ms Teresa Maisano, Mr Luca Binchi (CSM).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Mark McGuire (Secretary a.i.), Ms Francoise Trine, Mr Giammichele Di Maio, Ms Cherin Hoon, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Chiara Cirulli.