

CFS 45 – PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND SHARING BEST PRACTICES – WITH DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

CFS 2018/45/9 “Promoting accountability and sharing best practices – with draft decision”, presented by Ms. Anne-Marie Moulton (South Africa), Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on Monitoring.

The Committee:

- a) Expresses its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Monitoring and acknowledges the effective leadership of its Chair;
- b) Considering the CFS 44 decisions (CFS 2017/44/Report), paragraphs 34b and 34f, requests the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group, seeking additional input as needed, to:
 - Oversee the preparation of Global Thematic Events (GTE) that will be organized every two years in plenary;
 - Oversee the preparation of events organized on an ad hoc basis for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations during the plenary weeks or the intersessional periods, as decided by the Bureau following the criteria mentioned in CFS 2017/44/11, paragraph 8, considering resource availability;
 - [Oversee the preparation of the event organized in 2019 for monitoring CFS policy recommendation on topic xx during plenary week/intersessional period, subject to resource availability;] – [to be decided by the Bureau on 25 September \(Agenda 2a\)](#)
 - [Oversee the preparation by the Open Ended Working Group on Monitoring, in a one-off meeting in 2019, of a proposal for improving existing activities and developing new activities for promoting accountability and sharing best practices at all levels, as per paragraph 10 of Annex C of the document CFS 2018/45/3.]

A. Roles and responsibilities for the preparation of Global Thematic Events and events organized for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations

1. At CFS 44 in October 2017, *“the Committee endorsed the document (CFS 2017/44/11) that outlines the approach to monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products, in accordance with CFS 43 decisions (CFS 2016/43 Final Report and CFS 2016/43/7), and other CFS policy recommendations, as follows:*
 - *CFS main policy products through holding a Global Thematic Event in Plenary every two years; and*
 - *Other CFS policy recommendations through holding events on an ad hoc basis, considering the relevance and potential contribution of monitoring these recommendations to the global food security and nutrition agenda and resource availability. The events will be organized during the Plenary week or the intersessional period depending inter alia on specific objectives and the timeframe for contributing to the global agenda.”*
2. At the same session, the roles and responsibilities for preparation of the Global Thematic Events in plenary, which would be held every two years, and of events organized for monitoring the other CFS policy recommendations was only addressed for 2018 and not for 2019 and beyond¹, recognizing *“that the need for and role of the OEWG on monitoring may be reconsidered in light of the decisions of the Committee related to the follow-up to the independent evaluation of CFS.”*²
3. It is proposed for the Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group, seeking additional input as needed, to oversee the preparation of Global Thematic Events (GTE) in plenary; and of events organized for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations during the plenary weeks or the intersessional periods, as decided by the Bureau following the criteria mentioned in CFS 2017/44/11, para.8, considering resource availability.

B. Event to monitor other CFS policy recommendations at CFS 46

4. In line with CFS 2017/44/11 endorsed by the Committee³, an event will be organized during the CFS 46 plenary to monitor the use and application of the following CFS policy recommendations, assessing their relevance and potential to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the objectives of the International Decade on Family Farming:
 - Investing in Smallholder Agriculture (2013)
 - Connecting Smallholders to Markets (2016)
 - Sustainable agricultural development including livestock (2016)
5. It is appropriate to package these three sets of recommendations together since they are interconnected and complementary. The second set stemmed directly from the first since it constituted a deeper examination of a key issue raised in the 2013 recommendations, while the

¹ *“The Committee: Requested the Bureau in consultation with the Advisor Group, and the OEWG on monitoring in a one-off meeting, to oversee the preparation of the Global Thematic Event in plenary **in 2018** and of events organized for monitoring the other CFS policy recommendations during the plenary week or the intersessional periods, subject to resource availability”*, CFS 2017/44/Report, paragraph 34d

² CFS 2017/44/Report, paragraph 34f

³ *“The decision to monitor specific policy recommendations will be taken by the Bureau, after consultation with the Advisory Group, considering the relevance and potential contribution of monitoring these recommendations to the global food security and nutrition agenda and resource availability,”* CFS 2017/44/11, paragraph 8

third set contributed to the overall policy reflection on smallholder agriculture by focusing on livestock-based systems.

6. These policy recommendations are of great relevance to all CFS stakeholders, and particularly to the smallholder producers who are the main contributors to food security and nutrition and the most numerous category of family farmers. They are, hence, key protagonists of the International Decade on Family Farming and a stocktaking event of this nature at CFS 46 would constitute a specific contribution of the CFS to the Decade in 2019. The event would assess how smallholder family farmers have effectively benefitted from specific CFS policy recommendations and would also look into the potential of impact for change that lies in the application of CFS policy outcomes, especially for the achievement of the SDGs. Given the important role of women in the context of smallholder family farming, it would also contribute to mainstreaming the messages of the CFS Forum on Women's Empowerment in the context of FSN held in 2017.
7. The monitoring of three interconnected policy outcomes combines one that was adopted five years ago and two more recent ones and illustrates how the CFS can and should build on past work and ensure synergies among its different outcomes. It is particularly relevant to three of the five SDGs targeted in 2019: 5, 10 and 12. Countries that undertake SDG voluntary reviews in 2019 could be encouraged to include these CFS policy outcomes in their assessments, feeding into both the 2019 High Level Political Forum session and CFS 46.

Process and expected output

8. There will be a call for experiences and best practices through the FSN Forum, reaching all CFS members, participants and other stakeholders. The CFS Secretariat will work with support of a technical task team (TTT) to summarize the experiences in a background document.
9. The CFS Secretariat will also work with the TTT to prepare the call for inputs and outline of the event and criteria for selection of experiences to present. Contributing Members and participants could be asked to respond to questions such as the following:
 - Assess the degree to which the three policy outcomes have been diffused and applied in the given context;
 - Assess the present and potential impacts of the application of the CFS policy recommendations on small-scale family farmers, in particular on: investments by national governments and by international finance institutions in favor of small-scale family farmers, capacity building programs targeted to them, development of small and medium-term finance proposals that are more favorable to small-scale producers, and the formulation and implementation of specific national strategies in favor of small-scale family farming;
 - Assess the potential that lies in the use and application of these policy recommendations for achieving the SDGs and an enhanced policy coherence for food security and nutrition.
10. The background paper and event outline from the TTT will be discussed in a joint meeting of the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group; the Bureau will take note of the background paper and agree on the outline of the event.
11. The presentation of experiences during the stocktaking event at CFS 46 will be followed by a plenary discussion aimed at drawing lessons and making proposals to enhance the use and application of these CFS policy recommendations in the context of the Decade on Family farming and SDGs.

12. The output of the process will be the stocktaking event at CFS 46 with conclusions on the lessons learned and suggestions for the further use and application of these recommendations.

Costs

Staff and technical support	30,000
Issuance of a call	7,000
Translation of document for CFS 46 (12,500 words)	25,000
Translation of submissions received that are not in English	5,000
Session costs (travel of two panelists and a moderator)	7,500
TOTAL	74,500

C. Preparation of a proposal for improving existing activities and developing new activities for promoting accountability and sharing best practices at all levels

13. At CFS 44 in October 2017, *“the Committee recognized that the need for and role of the OEWG on monitoring may be reconsidered in light of the decisions of the Committee related to the follow-up to the independent evaluation of CFS”*⁴.
14. Through the evaluation process, a CFS framework for promoting accountability and sharing best practices is proposed for Plenary’s endorsement at CFS 45, including suggestions on building on this framework moving forward, by improving existing and/or developing new activities to enhance the delivery of its role to promote accountability and best practices, subject to CFS priorities and availability of resources⁵.
15. As per the mandate of the OEWG on Monitoring⁶, it is proposed for the OEWG on Monitoring, in a one-off meeting, to focus on building on the framework for promoting accountability and sharing best practices, specifically to develop a proposal for improving existing activities and developing new activities for promoting accountability and sharing best practices at all levels, as per paragraph 10 of Annex C of the Implementation Report.

⁴ CFS 2017/44/Report, paragraph 34f

⁵ CFS Implementation Report, paragraph 10 of Annex C

⁶ CFS 2012/39/9, paragraph 4