

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting
Date: 24-25 September 2018
Mexico Room

Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting Outcomes - With Bureau's Decisions

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Before starting the joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting, the CFS Chair highlighted the importance of the meeting to finalize all documents that will be presented to the CFS 45 Plenary next October. The CFS Chair also informed the participants about the briefings held with the Africa Regional Group and the G77 Group in preparation for CFS 45.

1. CFS budget overview: CFS Expenditure 2017 – 2109 (*Bureau only*)

The Bureau welcomed the presentation made by the Secretary *a.i.*, appreciated the clarity and commended the hard work made by the Secretariat to respond to the Bureau's queries on this matter. The Secretariat agreed to make the presentation available through the working space and proposed to provide a complete budget update twice per year and when necessary before any decision on MYPoW needs to be made.

2. CFS 45 - Critical and Emerging Issues: Proposal concerning HLPE activities in 2020

Bureau and Advisory Group members discussed the proposed background document for the session on Critical and Emerging Issues taking place at CFS 45, and in particular the activities to be carried out by the HLPE in 2020. The revised proposal presented by the Secretariat was well received. It was acknowledged that it reflected the outcomes of the Bureau and Advisory Group's discussions held in July and incorporated the written comments and suggestions subsequently provided by CFS stakeholders.

The two alternative proposals presented by the United States were also discussed and both considered as very relevant for the work of CFS. Participants of the meeting highlighted that the first topic - resilience of market systems and risk management tools - could be interesting for a future HLPE report.

However, they also noted that the Bureau had already discussed the matter in July and had "expressed an interest for requesting the HLPE to carry out a holistic review of previous reports to analyze how the HLPE and CFS are contributing to the realization of Zero Hunger and the advancement of the 2030 Agenda", and that the Secretariat was requested to develop a proposal reflecting the outcomes of that Bureau's discussion. On this basis, it was suggested not to re-open the matter and to adhere to the outcomes of previous discussions.

Bureau's decision:

Bureau members recognized the relevance of the alternative proposals presented by the United States and recommended that they be considered in the context of future MYPoW discussions. In line with the outcomes of previous meetings, the Bureau agreed to move forward with the proposal for the HLPE activity in 2020 included in the background document for the session on Critical and Emerging Issues and to approve the draft decision. The title for the HLPE study to be presented in 2020 will be "Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative towards 2030". The original proposal has been amended to better highlight the forward-looking perspective of the HLPE analysis and its contribution towards achieving FSN for all.

3. HLPE Steering Committee renewal or extension (*Bureau only*)

Bureau members were asked to consider the possibility to extend exceptionally the mandate of the current Steering Committee for one year, until October 2020, to allow continuity in function of the proposed activity of HLPE for 2020. After discussing, Bureau members decided to proceed with the renewal of the Steering Committee. Therefore, the HLPE Secretariat will start the process right after CFS 45. One or two Bureau discussions in May and/or June 2019 will be needed for the appointment of the new Steering Committee.

4. Monitoring

a. Proposals for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations

At the joint meeting, there was general agreement that it was opportune to have a monitoring event in 2019 linked to the UN Decade on Family Farming. It was clarified that the joint proposal submitted by Italy and CSM would focus on monitoring three sets of recommendations - Investing in Smallholder Agriculture (2013); Connecting Smallholders to Markets (2016); and Sustainable agricultural development including livestock (2016) - and they would be relevant to the review of SDGs 8, 10 and 13.

There was also agreement that the focus of the event should be on the use and application of those recommendations, as it seemed premature and unrealistic to focus on their impact, at this stage.

Participants in the joint meeting also queried: (a) Whether recommendations that are recent (2016) should be monitored; (b) How to link the three proposed set of recommendations to effectively design the questionnaire; and (c) How is it foreseen to link smallholders with the recommendation on Sustainable Agricultural Development including Livestock (SADL). Participants also stressed the need to clarify expected outcomes of the event and underlined the distinction between Family Farming and Smallholding.

Bureau's decision:

The Bureau agreed on the proposal to hold an event in 2019 at CFS 46 in alignment with the joint proposal made by Italy and CSM, requested that the focus be on smallholders – thus narrowing the focus of the SADL policy recommendations – and tasked the Secretariat to introduce some revisions in the concept note as discussed during the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting.

b. Promoting accountability and sharing of best practices – with Draft Decision

The joint meeting noted that if the draft decision was agreed, there would be three activities to be carried out in 2019: (i) preparation for the Global Thematic Event on FFA in 2020; (ii) preparation of an event to monitor other policy recommendations; and (iii) preparation of a proposal to improve existing activities and develop new activities for promoting accountability and sharing best practices at all levels. Bureau and Advisory Group members also noted that the preparation for the two events will have to begin in parallel with the support of two separate Technical Task Teams. Thus, there were requests to clarify any budget implication.

Other comments referred to the last decision point. It was highlighted that (i) one-off OEWG meeting is only feasible if it is well-prepared in advance, and the agenda for the said OEWG meeting is discussed by the Bureau and Advisory Group two months in advance; and (ii) a separate monitoring OEWG was not expected as it was envisioned that monitoring activities would be undertaken by the Bureau and Advisory Group, as per the upcoming MYPoW process.

Bureau's decision:

The Bureau agreed on the draft decision with the following revisions (see Annex 3 for the full draft decision):

- Include “paragraph 10 of Annex C of the document CFS 2018/45/3” into the chapeau text of decision b) and omit the last sub-point of this decision;
- Revise the second sub-point of decision b) to read “Oversee the preparation of events for fostering the uptake, follow-up and review, and sharing of experiences and good practices on the use and application of other CFS policy recommendations at all levels, through the MYPoW process”, so as to be consistent with the text in the Implementation Report; and
- Revise the third sub-point of decision b) to reflect the decision to have an event in 2019 at CFS 46.

5. Evaluation

a. Implementation Report

The co-facilitators presented the updated Implementation Report, which incorporates the outcomes of the meeting of 18 September and it reflects the best compromise that could be reached, in particular on Annex H and paragraph 26 of the core text. Thus, the co-facilitator handed over to the Bureau the decision on the final text to be submitted to the CFS 45 plenary session.

In the joint meeting, there was general satisfaction on the document as submitted by the co-facilitators and reluctance to re-open Annex H and the text for para 26.

A comment was received on the need to have clearer guidance and processes for decision-making if new requests for seats on the Advisory Group were received.

Bureau's decision:

The Bureau agreed on the Implementation Report, as submitted by the co-facilitators, with the only revision on paragraph 26 to add in the text the wording "according to CFS Rules of Procedure" after "coordination roles", and include a footnote "CFS Rules of Procedure, Rule IV, paragraphs 2-4."

The Bureau also agreed to revise the table in Annex C as follows:

- Under the first column 'Global' – to revise the title to "Follow-up and Review of the situation and trends in food security and nutrition in the world" to be in line with the new title of the SOFI report
- Under the first column 'Country or region focus' – to include "the Decade of Action on Nutrition" after "SDGs and ICN2."

b. CFS 45 Draft decision

In the joint meeting, it was proposed to omit the last decision as the current text in the Implementation Report was deemed adequate and the Secretary should be given the authority and flexibility to manage the staff of the Secretariat.

Bureau's decision:

The Bureau agreed to cancel decisions c) and d) - as they were included in the Overview of the implementation status of the Plan of Action - and took note that the CFS Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, will develop a Resource Mobilization Strategy (A 3.1) in the next intersessional period aligned with the four-year MYPOW and that the review of the composition and structure of the joint Secretariat (A 9.1) has been completed in consultation with the CFS Secretary and the RBAs and shared with the Bureau (see Annex 4 for the full draft decision).

c. Overview of the implementation status of the Plan of Action

The joint meeting acknowledged the document without comments.

6. CFS Bureau and Advisory Group calendar for 2018-2019

The provisional calendar of Bureau and Advisory Group meetings for 2018-2019 has been presented for consideration.

The CFS Chair informed that a special Bureau meeting is tentatively scheduled on 8 November 2018 to appoint the Advisory Group - the date will be confirmed shortly – and that the first joint meeting in the new intersessional period is scheduled for 23 November 2018 at IFAD.

The CFS Chair also highlighted that the dates of the May 2019 meetings have changed: the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting will take place on 14 May while the Bureau on 17 May. The revised calendar will be made available through the Working Space.

The Secretariat was requested to cluster as much as possible OEWG meetings close to Bureau and Advisory Group meetings in order to ensure a wide participation of CFS stakeholders. The Secretariat will also try to book full days for all Bureau meetings, as requested by the Bureau.

The calendar with the dates of all CFS meetings, including OEWGs and other intersessional events, will be presented at the first joint meeting after CFS 45.

7. CFS 45 Drafting Committee's composition (*Bureau only*)

The Bureau was informed that nominations have been submitted by all regional groups for the CFS 45 Drafting Committee and that Brazil submitted the candidature of Mr Antonio Otávio Sá Ricarte as Chair of the CFS45 Drafting Committee taking into account the observed regional rotation. The Drafting Committee will be officially appointed on the first day of the plenary session.

The CFS Secretariat informed that in the coming weeks it would organize an informal meeting with the members of the CFS 45 Drafting Committee to prepare for the session.

After the meeting, the Secretariat has been informed that Morocco will replace Tunisia in the CFS 45 Drafting Committee. Other nominees for the CFS 45 Drafting Committee are: : Afghanistan, Austria, China, Costa Rica, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Sudan, Russian Federation, and United States.

8. CFS 45 and Workstream Updates

In opening this item, the CFS Chair updated the participants on the tentative programme of World Food Day, which is still being finalized, and the proposed involvement of CFS.

Considering the lack of funding for the translation of the HLPE report on Multistakeholder Partnerships, the Secretariat clarified that, in line with past practices, the executive summary and recommendations of the HLPE report are already available in all official languages and they are part of the official documentation for the CFS plenary.

The CFS Chair shared a letter received by the CSM requesting to invite a rural woman as keynote speaker in the Opening session of CFS 45 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the International Day of Rural Women. The proposal was well received by the joint meeting.

The joint meeting also noted that the FAO Director-General was unavailable to open the Global Thematic Event at CFS 45 and proposed to invite another high-level representative of the RBAs. Two potential speakers were proposed: (i) a senior FAO staff representing the FAO Director-General; or (ii) the Vice-President of IFAD.

Bureau's decisions:

The Bureau agreed on inviting a senior FAO staff to represent the FAO Director-General to give a keynote presentation at the Global Thematic Event, and to invite the Vice-President of IFAD if the FAO DDGs were not available.

The Bureau decided to ask IFAD to nominate a representative of rural women to be included in the opening statements as they have extensive experience in this area.

The Bureau requested clarity on the length of delegate statements at CFS 45. As per the annotated agenda, the suggested length is three minutes or less. The Bureau requested that this time limit be highlighted in the Agenda and on the website as well as being in the Annotated Agenda to be sure that delegates are aware of it. The Chair said that delegates would be reminded of the length during the meeting and a traffic light system and/or countdown timer would be used to help enforce it.

The Bureau also requested clarity on what the criteria was for "high level participation" of Members. The Chair informed the meeting that historically this meant Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary of State or equivalent. Members with high-level participation would be given priority on the speakers list. The Bureau requested that this information also be included in the Agenda, Annotated Agenda and the website.

9. Any other business

The joint meeting welcomed Ambassador Ulrich Seidenberger, new Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to FAO.

Annex 1: List of attendees of the joint Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Mr Felipe Carlos Antunes (Brazil); Ms Jiani Tian (China); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Mr Haitham Abdelhady (Egypt); Mr Tarekegn Tsegie Haile (Ethiopia); Mr Gustat Daud Sirait (Indonesia); Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Mr Don Syme (New Zealand); 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 Manash Mitra (Bangladesh); Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany), Ms Martine Garcia-Mascarenhas (Monaco).

Advisory Group:

Ms Marcela Villarreal, Mr Panagiotis Karfakis (FAO); Mr Michael Huggins, Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Mr Torben Nilsson, Mr Shantanu Mathur (IFAD); Ms Serena Pepino (Special Rapporteur Right to Food); Ms Stineke Oenema (UNSCN); Ms Marzella Wüstefed (WHO); Ms Teresa Maisano, Ms Joana Dias, Ms Editrudith Lukanga, Ms Alberta Guerra (CSM); Mr Brian Baldwin (PSM); Mr Fabrizio Moscatelli (BMGF).

Observers:

Ms María Laureano, Ms Patricia Rodríguez (Dominican Republic); Ms Novella Maugeri (United Kingdom).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Mark McGuire (Secretary *a.i.*), Mr Nathanaël Pingault, Ms Françoise Trine, Ms Cordelia Salter, Ms Aya Shneerson, Ms Cherin Hoon, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Ms Sylvia Orebi, Mr Gabriele Iallussi.

Annex 2: List of attendees of Bureau Meeting

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Mr Felipe Carlos Antunes (Brazil); Ms Jiani Tian (China); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Mr Haitham Abdelhady (Egypt); Mr Tarekegn Tsegie Haile (Ethiopia); Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Mr Don Syme (New Zealand); Ms Anna-Marie Moulton (South Africa); Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain (Sudan); Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland); Ms Emily Katkar (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Mr Manash Mitra (Bangladesh); Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany); Ms Martine Garcia-Mascarenhas (Monaco); Ms Diana Calderón Valle (Peru).

Observers:

Ms Julia Vicioso, Mr Paul Besana, Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva (Dominican Republic); Ms Delphine Babin-Pelliard, Ms Gemma Cornuau (France); Mr Adam Sashalmi, Mr Eموke Korzenszky (Hungary); Mr Damien Kelly (EU Delegation); Ms Leire Elhazaz, Ms Isabel González, Ms Paula Roboso (Spain); Ms Novella Maugeri (United Kingdom).

CFS Secretariat:

Mr Mark McGuire (Secretary *a.i.*), Mr Nathanaël Pingault, Ms Françoise Trine, Ms Cordelia Salter, Ms Aya Shneerson, Ms Cherin Hoon, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Ms Sylvia Orebi, Mr Gabriele Iallussi.

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, and paragraph 10 of Annex C of the document CFS 2018/45/3, 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 for fostering the uptake, follow-up and review, and sharing of experiences and good practices on the use and application of other CFS policy recommendations at all levels, through the MYPoW process;
 - Oversee the preparation of the event organized in 2019 for monitoring CFS policy recommendations on (i) Investing in Smallholder Agriculture (ii) Connecting Smallholders to Markets and (iii) Sustainable Agricultural Development Including Livestock during CFS4 46, subject to resource availability.

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

CFS 2018/45/3 “CFS Evaluation: Implementation of the Response to the Evaluation - with Draft Decision” presented by Ms. Jiani Tian (China) and Mr. Oliver Mellenthin (Germany), co-facilitators of the process.

The Committee:

- a) Expresses its appreciation to Ms. Jiani Tian (China) and Mr. Oliver Mellenthin (Germany) for facilitating the implementation of the response to the evaluation leading up to CFS 45.
- b) Endorses the “CFS Evaluation: Implementation of the Response to the Evaluation - with Draft Decision” (CFS 2018/45/3), acknowledging that the Reform Document remains the cornerstone of CFS work.