

Follow-up to the CFS policy convergence process

At its 44th Session in 2017, CFS endorsed policy recommendations on sustainable forestry for food security and nutrition¹ and “*encouraged the CFS Bureau to consider convening a specific meeting [...] to discuss the issues that were not sufficiently discussed during the policy convergence process, including the relation between commercial plantations and food security and nutrition [...]*”.

Last January, the Bureau agreed, in consultation with its Advisory Group, that this meeting will take place provided that this does not imply the provision of interpretation or translation services or financial support to cover travel costs, and that no written outcomes will be produced at the end of the meeting. The HLPE Report on Sustainable Forestry for food security and nutrition² and the related CFS policy recommendations will represent the background documents for this meeting.

Tuesday 17 September (9.30-12.30) has been identified as a potential date for this meeting.

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group members were requested to submit inputs on the expected scope of the meeting. However, a limited number of indications were provided on the potential content and scope of the event. In addition to the generic focus on the relation between commercial plantations and food security and nutrition, it was requested to dedicate a space in the discussion to forest restoration and the different initiatives undertaken in this field.

The three-hour session can be divided according to a number of thematic areas that are identified by the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group.

In order to prepare a concept note and agenda of the meeting, it is key that specific indications are provided to the CFS Secretariat on the expected scope and thematic areas of the event which need to be further articulated. In this regard, Bureau and Advisory Group members are kindly requested to submit on 14 May specific suggestions.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/l8877EN/i8877en.pdf>

² <http://www.fao.org/3/a-i7395e.pdf>