

## **CFS POLICY PROCESSES ON GENDER AND YOUTH**

### **KEY PRINCIPLES ON MODALITIES FOR NEGOTIATIONS**

- a) Negotiations will be chaired by the OEWG Co-Chairs/Rapporteur, with the support of the CFS Secretariat. The CFS Chair will closely monitor progress and process;
- b) The Co-Chairs/Rapporteur will open the floor on a given paragraph for a first round of interventions. The CFS Secretariat will take careful note of all statements;
- c) In the interest of time and efficiency, the OEWG Co-Chairs/Rapporteur may place limits on time available for individual interventions, and or indicate the number of interventions to be heard. A “timer” will be displayed on the screen to manage time;
- d) CFS stakeholders will be asked to refrain from making lengthy opening or general statements. Inputs should be focused on substantive topics or issues where specific text amendments are requested. Interventions should contain concrete text proposals, and concise clarifications of their substantive rationale;
- e) Regional Groups and Participant constituencies are encouraged to form collective positions, where possible. Delegates of the same constituency will be asked to coordinate responses in advance, to avoid multiple interventions on the same topic;
- f) Following a first round of interventions on a specific part of the text, the Co-Chairs/Rapporteur will offer a re-formulated text proposal reflecting comments and suggestions made, and project this proposal on the screen for Members’ agreement;
- g) Members and Participants are strongly encouraged to prioritize issues directly and unequivocally related to the topic;
- h) Proposals by Participants that do not find Member support, will receive no further consideration, per standard practice;
- i) Absent agreement, the Chairs/Rapporteur will call for an additional round of focused interventions, after which a new proposal will be formulated and presented on screen;
- j) If no agreement is reached following this second round, the Co-Chairs/Rapporteur may choose to “park” the text until a later time, or request that it be addressed in bilateral or small-group discussion. If/when appropriate, they may choose to convene a Friends of the Co-Chairs/Rapporteur discussion, to resolve such issues;
- k) There will be two (three-hour) sessions held each day (likely 9.30-12.30 and 15.00-18.00). If needed, the OEWG Co-Chairs/Rapporteur may decide to continue the session into the evening. Sessions will be interpreted in FAO’s six official languages (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and Russian). Punctuality is required due to the schedule for interpretation;

- l) All delegations are encouraged to be ready to reach consensus on the policy documents to be presented in plenary for final endorsement.