

USA – written inputs – MYPoW

The United States would like to reiterate the following:

- 1) Whichever activities are ultimately selected, we must ensure that each activity is strictly within CFS's mandate, fills existing gaps in food security policy, and covers topics that are specific enough to provide value to policymakers and stakeholders. This should be reflected in the MYPoW text.
- 2) The activities should be technical (e.g. ways to finance agriculture), not aspirational (gender equality – which is a major cross-cutting theme that should be reflected in all activities).
- 3) A maximum of one policy convergence process per year or three total during the MYPoW. This ensures that members can dedicate proper resources to negotiations and also ensures that CFS products can be properly promoted and disseminated. The MYPoW should not focus exclusively on policy convergence processes, policy recommendations and voluntary guidelines, but should include high level events and other activities.
- 4) We are comfortable with the idea of updating existing CFS policy recommendations and voluntary guidelines if they are seen as critical and if it means building upon what we have, not starting over.
- 5) We note that several proposals are outside of CFS's expertise, scope and focus such as those that deal with labor issues and infectious disease. We also note that several proposals have already been done, and do not fill a new gap, or are being undertaken in other bodies. It is important that CFS focus on areas where they can add value, not in areas that are duplicative and would create contradictory policy guidance.