OUTCOMES

1. Work of the HLPE in 2018

The MYPoW OEWG Chair presented the proposal concerning the work of the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) in 2018, based on the outcomes of the ranking exercise carried out among OEWG members.

A few members raised that the question of process, particularly the ranking system, is not quite satisfactory to them. In response, OEWG members were reminded that the proposed methodology and process were agreed at the first MYPoW OEWG meeting on 18 March as a way to organise the OEWG’s work and were in line with the indications provided in the guidance note for the selection of CFS activities agreed at CFS 42 in 2015.

After general discussion, there was growing convergence of views on a report on “Multi-stakeholder partnerships to finance food security and nutrition in the framework of the 2030 Agenda”. Few members opined that there was no wider debate on the proposed theme and demanded the possibility of having further discussions. In order to facilitate stronger consensus and ensure broad ownership towards the proposed theme, the Chair agreed to allow additional time until Friday 1 July for OEWG members to provide feedback to improve the scope of the proposed topic. Based on the views presented, a refined version of the proposal addressing the additional feedback will be presented by the MYPoW OEWG Chair for approval by the Bureau, following consultation with the Advisory Group, at its meeting on 8 July.

Some participants were supportive of themes other than the first ranked (above), while others indicated no consensus could be reached on the second and third ranked proposals. But these could be the starting point of the discussion for selecting the theme for 2019. Several members indicated an interest in discussing how to improve the process for the 2019 HLPE report and the rest of the MYPoW activities for 2018-19. An additional OEWG meeting will be held in September to discuss the details of the process that will lead to the finalization of the MYPoW 2018-2019. It will also represent an opportunity to further discuss those proposed HLPE topics that received less support during the consultation phase and for their proponents to clarify the scope of these proposals.

Furthermore, the OEWG recommended the CFS Bureau, at its meeting on 8 July and following consultation with the Advisory Group, to request the HLPE to prepare a note on critical and emerging issues to be presented by the end of 2017.
2. Additional matters for consideration by the MYPoW OEWG

The MYPoW OEWG recommended the adoption by the CFS Plenary of an additional selection criterion concerning future CFS activities to ensure that they are relevant to the SDGs and contribute to progress towards the advancement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in line with the joint email from the MYPoW and SDG OEWG Chairs on 5 May, which received no objection by the stated deadline of 20 May.

3. CFS 43 – MYPoW Decision Box

The OEWG agreed the draft decision text presented, with the deletion of the request to the HLPE to ensure clear linkages between their recommendations and advice and the evidence presented in the HLPE reports (bullet e).