Outcomes

Third meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW)

Agenda

1. 2018 HLPE report – finalization of theme and scope


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The meeting was opened by the MYPoW OEWG Chair, Dr Md Mafizur Rahman (Bangladesh), who introduced the different issues at stake and presented the agenda which was adopted by the OEWG.

1. 2018 HLPE Report – Finalization of theme and scope

A revised version of the draft theme and scope of the proposed 2018 HLPE report, incorporating the changes suggested during the MYPoW meeting in June and written feedback provided subsequently, was presented.

After some discussion and despite some divergent views, OEWG members agreed to retain the existing title: Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda. Discussion identified the importance of learning about both successes and challenges in partnerships and platforms. Minor amendments to the content of the theme and areas of focus were agreed, to more clearly indicate the areas of focus were not exhaustive, to add triangular cooperation, the importance of learning about the impact of partnerships in achieving food security and nutrition in the context of the 2030 Agenda, and minor amendments to improve clarity.

The Chair advised that a track-change version of the proposal would be circulated, allowing 24 hours for any objections, before the final document was conveyed to the Bureau for its meeting on 15 September 2016, and subsequently will be translated and submitted to plenary for discussion and endorsement.

The OEWG members discussed the process that will lead to the finalization of the MYPoW 2018-2019 to be endorsed at CFS 44. It was highlighted that the OEWG in the next year will have to carry out two parallel processes: one aiming at selecting the activities for the next biennium and the other looking at how to revisit future MYPoW processes, in light of the recommendations coming from the SDGs OEWG.

With regards to the proposed workplan, it was requested to postpone the deadlines for the collection of inputs and the ranking exercise foreseen between September and November 2016. The addition of a meeting to discuss the outcomes of the ranking exercise, which would inform the formulation of the Chair’s proposal, was welcomed. In this regard, it was suggested to postpone the first meeting scheduled on 10 January to give enough time to OEWG members to consult their constituencies and prepare reactions and positions.

A revised version of the workplan is circulated together with these outcomes.

Regarding the collection of inputs for the 2019 HLPE report, it was clarified that it will be possible for OEWG members to present new proposals and also need to resubmit those that were included in the compiled list of proposed themes that was circulated by the Secretariat on 5 May 2016. In light of this and in line with various requests received during the meeting, the current ranked list, which is included in the document CFS_OEWG-MYPoW/2016/06/20/01, will not be used as the basis for discussion. OEWG members recognized their key role in encouraging a broad participation of their constituencies in the process.

Several comments were provided regarding the need to establish from the outset a clear method and process for the ranking exercise. The OEWG Chair took note of all the comments and suggestions and prepared a note, which is circulated together with these outcomes, proposing the methodology for the ranking exercise. OEWG members will have two weeks, until 29 September, to provide comments and views. Then, the final proposals will be sent out by the OEWG Chair for information.

An initial discussion took place on possible implications of developing a longer term MYPoW and OEWG members agreed on the need to further address this matter and consider all possible options starting from the first meeting in 2017. A suggestion to have a joint MYPoW-SDG session was well-received.