



CFS OEWG-Nutrition Meeting #1

Date: 4 November 2016

Time: 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Location: Green Room

Webcast: <http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/4234/icode/>

Outcomes

First meeting of the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Nutrition

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Agenda

1- Opening by OEWG Chair

2- Discussion on HLPE zero-draft

3- OEWG Workplan for 2016-2017 and beyond

Outcomes

1- Opening by OEWG Chair (*for information*)

The Chair opened the meeting recalling the successful nutrition discussion in Plenary that led to the endorsement of the Proposal for CFS engagement in advancing nutrition. He also stressed how on that occasion many stakeholders gave signals on the importance for CFS to rapidly start concrete work on nutrition, in the context of the Decade of Action on Nutrition launched last April. The Chair described the activities mentioned in the decisions for the 2016-2017 intersessional period to implement this strategy. He also described the Agenda of the meeting, which was promptly adopted.

2- Discussion on HLPE zero-draft

The Chair introduced this item by congratulating the project team and the HLPE secretariat for the zero-draft report and thanking Mr. Nathanaël Pingault, HLPE Secretariat Coordinator, for having agreed to present the process on preparing the zero-draft report to trigger the discussion on the report. He recalled that the objective of the discussion on the zero draft, as one of the activities requested by a decision of CFS Plenary, is to contribute to our understanding of issues relevant to nutrition and food systems as a preparatory step to the policy convergence process that will eventually follow. This discussion also aims at embedding more thoroughly the HLPE reports into CFS workstreams developing policy convergence products. Participants should submit their comments on the zero draft of the HLPE report on an individual basis through the e-Consultation running until 5 December. Comments and questions will be passed on to the HLPE Steering Committee and project team.

A discussion on the zero-draft report ensued, including questions and further suggestions both to the report and to further steps in the process to develop the first draft.

The Chair stressed that no summary of the comments received will be made but that Mr. Pingault will directly take them to the HLPE Steering Committee and that individual comments should be submitted directly to the HLPE.

3- OEWG Workplan for 2016-2017 and beyond

The Chair described the activities foreseen under the workplan, including the CFS contribution to the Decade of Action Work Programme, ensuring that future work on nutrition is adequately addressed in the MYPoW, lesson-sharing activities and the events to “develop a common understanding” of major nutrition related issues. He stressed the need for the OEWG to agree on the exact theme of these. He requested Ms. Stineke Oenema, UNSCN Coordinator, to briefly present the existing and forthcoming SCN discussion papers that could constitute the basis for such events. At the same time he stressed that other themes beyond those of the SCN would be welcome.

The discussion on the workplan concluded there was strong preference for the theme “Investments for Healthy Food Systems” supported by the SCN discussion paper. It was decided that the theme for the second event will be decided in the next OEWG meeting following a call by the Secretariat for further themes. It will be also stressed in the agenda that these events will take place if resources will be available for them. The workplan will be slightly amended so that discussions in the second OEWG meeting quote the exact language in the Proposal; and that for the first intersessional event, The OEWG also decided to re-establish a TTT and to discuss the details of the tasks assigned to the team.