



CFS Nutrition OEWG meeting #1  
28 March 2018 - 9.30-12.30 - Green Room, FAO

## OUTCOMES

### First Meeting of the CFS Nutrition Open-Ended Working Group

#### Agenda

- 1. Draft terms of reference for the policy convergence work on nutrition**
- 2. CFS intersessional events on nutrition**
- 3. Update on the regional symposia on nutrition and food systems**
- 4. Any other business**

#### Outcomes

The meeting was opened by the CFS Nutrition OEWG Chair, Mr Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt), who outlined the agenda and presented the background documents that were prepared for discussion. He warmly thanked the members of the Technical Task Team for the support provided and FAO, IFAD, WFP, WHO, UNICEF, UNSCN, CGIAR, CSM and PSM for allowing them to participate in this process. He also expressed his appreciation for the Secretariat for their key role in this process. OEWG members were also reminded that two additional OEWG meetings will take place on 30 April and 15 June to finalize the terms of reference that will have to be presented for discussion and endorsement at the next CFS Plenary in October 2018.

#### 1. Draft terms of reference for the policy convergence work on nutrition

The draft terms of reference were presented to the OEWG. It was clarified that the proposed approach using food environments as policy entry point, in line with the recommendation made in the HLPE report and supported by the majority of the TTT members, did not entail the exclusion of any dimension of food systems. The proposed scope was well-received by some of the OEWG members while the majority called for a broader and systemic approach which looks at addressing the existing policy fragmentation between the food and health sectors and contributes to establish stronger linkages between nutrition and production. This would lead to a more comprehensive approach looking at food systems in their entirety as was requested by the CFS plenary.

In this context, the need to avoid duplication with work carried out by other institutions and bodies on similar topics was reiterated as a key point for consideration. Particular attention will have to be devoted during the definition of the scope and the priority areas to the identification of the added value of CFS in addressing those issues.



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With regards to the timeframe of the policy convergence process, it was stressed that the quality of the product is more important than the speed of the process. For this reason, the possibility of extending the finalization of the process was supported by the majority of Members.

In line with the recommendation made at CFS 44, it was reiterated that the scientific evidence provided in the HLPE report should be used as a basis for the CFS policy convergence work on nutrition.

In order to give a clear mandate to the TTT for the next steps of the process, the following conclusions were agreed upon. The voluntary guidelines will focus on food systems and nutrition while food environments could be used as one of the policy entry points without limiting the work to this aspect. Key elements concerning food supply chains and consumer behavior need to be included and discussed.

### Follow-up actions

OEWG members are invited to provide written inputs and suggestions to the CFS Secretariat on the additional elements, dimensions and issues to be included in the terms of reference **by Thursday 5 April**. Particular attention should be devoted to how to improve section V – Proposed Scope – of the draft TORs.

The “food supply chains and food environments wheel” (Annex 1 of this document) could represent a useful guidance for OEWG members when preparing their inputs.

The CFS Secretariat and the Technical Task Team will work to revise the document to respond to the guidance from the OEWG on developing voluntary guidelines on food systems and nutrition and to incorporate the inputs received and submit a revised version of the TORs for discussion at the next OEWG meeting on 30 April.

## 2. CFS intersessional events on nutrition

The OEWG Chair presented the background document with initial ideas concerning possible intersessional events on nutrition whose purpose would be to inform the ongoing policy convergence process.

Due to the lack of time for this discussion, OEWG members were invited to provide written feedback on the ideas presented in the document or suggest additional ones by Thursday 5 April.

Based on the inputs received, the CFS Secretariat and the Technical Task Team will develop a proposal for discussion on 30 April.

## 3. Update on the regional symposia on nutrition and food systems

It was reminded that the draft Terms of Reference reflect many of the ideas raised during the regional symposia organized by FAO. OEWG members were invited, in case of questions, to submit them to the CFS Secretariat.

## 4. Any other business

No other business were discussed.

ANNEX 1 – “Food supply chains and food environments wheel”

