



Open Ended Working Group (OEWG)

Urbanization, rural transformation

ADDRESSING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE CONTEXT OF CHANGING RURAL-URBAN DYNAMICS: PROPOSED PROCESS FOR THE COMPILATION OF EXPERIENCES AND EFFECTIVE POLICY APPROACHES

Background

As an outcome of the Forum held at CFS 43, the Committee “*requested the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Urbanization and Rural Transformation to meet in 2017 to agree on a process to compile experiences and effective policy approaches for addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics*”.

In addition, the Committee “*encouraged the OEWG on MYPoW, as it continues its work elaborating priorities for CFS activities in the biennium 2018-2019, to consider whether to include an HLPE report on urbanization and rural transformation while taking into account the workload of CFS and the available resources*”.

In accordance with the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2016-2017, the result of the OEWG process will be presented for endorsement at CFS 44 in 2017.

Objective

Compiling experiences and effective policy approaches will directly contribute to strengthening the lessons and good practice sharing function of CFS, thus reinforcing the policy convergence and progress review interconnected functions too. Experiences and policy approaches will be selected based on their relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability, and will aim to highlight experiences, policy interventions, and lessons learned in addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics.

Output

Development of a CFS knowledge sharing product: “*Addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics: experiences and effective policy approaches*”.

The final document would comprise a selection of submissions, accompanying analysis of those submissions and the resulting key messages. Submissions not selected for inclusion in the compilation would be listed in an annex to the document and made available in original language on the CFS website.

Outcomes

Increased knowledge generated through multi-stakeholder sharing of practical experiences and effective policy approaches on addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics.

Process

Similarly to the background document prepared for the CFS 42 special event on “Developing the knowledge, skills, and talent of youth to further food security and nutrition”¹, would involve a three-step process comprising: 1) a selection of submissions based on criteria; 2) an analysis of the key elements; 3) the identification of key messages.

Suggested criteria for selection of the submissions to be included are:

- i. specific relevance to food security and nutrition
- ii. policy relevance to CFS
- iii. coverage of the identified priority areas
- iv. maturity of the cases and subsequent lessons
- v. replicability

Timeline

- 1) **3 December 2016 through 20 January 2017** – A Technical Task Team will be set up. Through the TTT the Secretariat will seek to access the most relevant expertise in the area of rural transformation and urbanization. The TTT will be composed of representatives in their capacity of technical experts from the CFS Advisory Group, as well as UN Habitat.

The TTT will support the CFS Secretariat in:

- ✓ Developing selection criteria for the submissions;
 - ✓ Narrowing the areas for policy attention;
 - ✓ Developing a submission form for collecting experiences and policy approaches, drawing from the areas for policy attention identified in the background document to the CFS Forum², the outcomes of the Forum at CFS43³, the Habitat III outcome document⁴, and the feedback received at the first OEWG on 2 December.
- 2) **3 February** – (1/2 day, full interpretation) OEWG meeting to agree on selection criteria, areas of policy attention, and the submission form.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/a-mo270e.pdf>

² Governance, data, consumption patterns and nutrition; land and natural resources; agriculture; labour and mobility; services, infrastructure and social protection

³ Food access, lack of diverse diets, consumption patterns and nutrition, poverty, youth, migration, marginalization of vulnerable groups, gender equality and women’s empowerment, innovation, integrated and holistic approaches, data, climate change, land and natural resources, and lack of infrastructure and services

⁴ <https://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/>

- 3) **7 February to 15 March** - Call for experiences and effective policy approaches
- 4) A call would be made through the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN Forum). The CFS Secretariat will work with the FSN Forum Team to map and reach out to additional stakeholders to ensure broadness and diversity of inputs (e.g. participants in last year's technical workshops, networks of local authorities, etc.).
- 5) **By 1 May** - The TTT will support the CFS Secretariat in:
 - ✓ Reviewing and compiling a selection of the submissions received, based on the agreed criteria;
 - ✓ Undertaking analysis of the key lessons and policy implications for food security and nutrition;
 - ✓ Identifying key messages;
 - ✓ Drafting the decision text to be endorsed by Plenary.
- 6) **By 1 June** - Translated draft decision text for Plenary + translated compilation of experiences and analysis on key elements circulated to OEWG members.
- 7) **23 June - OEWG meeting** (all day, full interpretation and - if needed - potentially 1.5 additional day) – Discussion on compilation of experiences, analysis of lessons learned and policy implications and identified key messages. Agreement on draft decision text for Plenary.
- 8) **11 July** – Review of decision text by Bureau and Advisory Group.
- 9) **CFS 44** – Presentation and discussion of CFS knowledge sharing product *“Addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics: experiences and effective policy approaches”* and endorsement of decision text.