



CFS OEWG-SDGs Meeting # 3  
Date: 25 June 2018  
Time: 14.00-17.00  
Location: Red Room, FAO Hq

## Outcomes

### 1- Opening by the Chair

Willem Olthof welcomed Members and Participants reminding them of the two main areas of focus of the meeting: key messages to be included in the CFS contribution to the 2019 HLPF; and draft decision text to be endorsed at CFS 45. The Chair also made reference to the paper by the Secretariat on 'Stocktaking of CFS Visibility and Uptake in New York', as requested at the previous OEWG meeting.

### 2- Relevant updates

#### HLPF session in New York (9-18 July)

- a) The Ministerial Declaration is being drafted this week. The zero draft does not make any reference to the areas of food security and nutrition, nor –more broadly- to (sustainable) agriculture and rural development. To rectify this, the Chair encouraged participants to liaise with their New York counterparts and highlighted how the CFS contribution could be useful in proposing text that addresses these areas in relation to the SDGs under review;
- b) The CFS side event proposal has been accepted. The event will focus on the interlinkages between SDG 2 and the SDGs under review this year. The Secretariat will be sharing further information in the coming days.

#### Voluntary National Reviews at CFS 45

The Chair encouraged Member countries that will be participating in the voluntary national reviews to also submit their inputs to CFS. Submissions will be presented at CFS 45 in the context of the lesson sharing event scheduled for the morning of Friday 19 October.

The UN SCN Coordinator provided a quick update on the Nutrition Expert Group Meeting that was held last week in New York on the interlinkages between nutrition and the SDGs to be reviewed in 2018. She will share the Report, once available, with the Secretariat for onward distribution to the OEWG.

### 3 - Draft 2019 contribution to the HLPF

The Secretariat introduced the item noting that the draft key messages were developed in collaboration with the Technical Task Team and the Chair, taking into account the comments received at the 1 June meeting.



## Open Ended Working Group (OEWG)

### Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Secretariat highlighted the main changes introduced in the new version, which included new text in the text box on the front page, content of the overarching messages for the top level event to be held in 2019, removal of placeholder text on SDG17 and replacement with a new key message on SDG10.

General comments, as well as specific text suggestions, were made by Members and Participants. Most suggestions made at the meeting were generally agreeable and will be addressed by the Task Team and Secretariat. Furthermore, additional time was given (until Friday 29 June cob) for written comments and suggestions by OEWG Members.

The comments will be incorporated in a revised version of the draft contribution which will be circulated by Friday 6 July COB.

#### 4- Draft decision text for CFS 45

The Chair introduced the item noting that the proposed text in point (d) describes a similar process to the one carried out this year and that point (e) paves the way for CFS contributions to the HLPF beyond 2019. Point (b) of the draft decision text will need to be amended (or even left out) depending on the finalization of the HLPF 2018 Ministerial Declaration.

Explanation was provided that 'a light yet inclusive process' (point (f)) means 'a consultative process involving 1-2 meetings, open to all CFS Members and Participants'.

The Secretariat took note of the proposed changes to be incorporated in points c), d) and f) of the draft decision text.

#### 5- Next steps

It was agreed that further revisions on both the draft decision and 2019 HLPF contribution will be handled electronically.

OEWG members were requested to provide written comments on items 3 (2019 CFS Contribution to HLPF) and 4 (Draft Decision) by Friday 29 June COB.

The revised draft decision box and draft 2019 HLPF contribution will be circulated by Friday 6 July COB. The draft decision will subsequently be finalized, if needed involving bilateral discussions, and submitted to the Bureau Meeting of 25 July.

Further written comments on the draft 2019 HLPF contribution will be requested by Friday July 13 COB and distributed again to the OEWG by 20 July at the latest, with a view to finalize the draft 2019 CFS Contribution to the HLPF by the end of July.