



Open Ended Working Group (OEWG)

Monitoring

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CFS OEWG-Monitoring/2017/04/06

CFS OEWG-Monitoring #2

Date: 06 April 2017

Time: 14:00-17:00

Location: Lebanon Room, FAO (Building D, 2nd Floor)

Agenda

- 1- Welcome by OEWG Chair
- 2- Proposal for monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products and other policy recommendations (for agreement)
- 3- Draft decisions for Plenary (for agreement)
- 4- AOB

Outcomes

1- Welcome by OEWG Chair

The Chair opened the meeting after which the agenda was adopted.

The Chair reminded participants that the main objective of the OEWG on monitoring in 2017, as mandated by CFS 43, was to agree on how to continue monitoring the implementation of CFS products on a regular basis, drawing lessons from the first Global Thematic Event (GTE) on VGGT that was organized during CFS 43.

2- Proposal for monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products and other policy recommendations

The CFS Secretariat presented the proposal for monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products and other policy recommendations.

Participants started by asking clarification on Para. 19 and 20 on the respective roles of the OEWG on Monitoring and the Bureau and Advisory Group in implementing CFS activities related to CFS monitoring function.

There was feedback that para. 19 did not bring any new information and gave the wrong impression that monitoring activities were over. The discussion included reflections from participants on whether monitoring the implementation of CFS products should be limited to the organization of GTEs. Others underlined the need to consider the way forward for monitoring in the context of the follow-up to the CFS Evaluation. Discussions on the future of the OEWG on Monitoring will be concluded in its next meeting of 18 May 2017, after which relevant outcomes will need to be incorporated into the MYPoW and all decisions will be submitted to the Bureau.

Monitoring the implementation of main policy products (Section 1 of the proposal)

i. Approach

After discussing the pros and cons of the proposed approaches (clustering selected relevant CFS recommendations around the main policy products versus focusing exclusively on the main policy products), participants agreed that there should not be any clustering of other CFS recommendations and the focus should solely be on the selected main policy product.

ii. Frequency

Participants concurred with the proposal to hold GTEs every two years to allow sufficient time for carrying out a comprehensive stocktaking exercise with the involvement of countries and regions, in line with the guidance provided in the *“Terms of reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations through organizing events at national, regional and global levels endorsed at CFS 43”*¹.

iii. Theme for CFS 45 and Sequence for GTEs

The majority of participants agreed on the next GTE to focus on RtF. Some participants questioned whether RtF had to be considered as it was not based on an inclusive multistakeholder process. It was agreed that the decision on the theme for the next GTE at CFS 45 in 2018 will be made by the Bureau at its meeting on 11 May 2017, to allow further time to consult. The majority of the participants expressed their preference for the GTE at CFS 47 to focus on FFA and the GTE at CFS 49 on RAI. The sequence for monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products would therefore be the following, pending the Bureau decision for RtF:

- CFS 45 (2018): Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security (RtF)
- CFS 47 (2020): Framework for Action for food security and nutrition in protracted crises (FFA)
- CFS 49 (2022): Principles for responsible investment in agriculture (RAI)

iv. Preparation of Global Thematic Events in Plenary

The few comments on the proposed timeline for issuing the call for inputs to countries and regions confirmed the proposal to issue the call to countries and regions in March of the year before Plenary to provide sufficient time for comprehensive stocktaking with the involvement of countries and regions. For instance, the call for inputs for the GTE of CFS 47 in October 2020 will be issued in March 2019.

Monitoring the implementation of other policy recommendations (Section 2 of the proposal)

There was a general agreement that a lighter and flexible approach was needed for monitoring the implementation of other policy recommendations but some participants wondered whether organizing plenary events to monitor selected sets of policy recommendations would be “lighter” than organizing GTEs.

¹ CFS 2016/43, Para 25.

First reactions on the proposal for monitoring the implementation of other policy recommendations included the following:

Frequency: discussion on the organization of events on an *ad hoc basis* (based on relevance to the global food security and nutrition agenda) versus every two years, in alternance with GTEs

Set-up: discussion underlined:

- that not all events needed to be held within plenaries; they could also be held during side events or intersessional periods
- the option of adopting a format similar to the former coordination and linkages sessions for the events
- the interest of inviting institutions that have adopted specific policy recommendations to present their experiences

Participants agreed that another meeting should be organized to further discuss how to monitor the implementation of other policy recommendations.

There was no time to discuss the preparation of the next GTE at CFS 45 in October 2018 (Section 3 of the proposal).

3- Draft decisions for Plenary

This agenda item was not discussed due to time constraints.

4- AOB

Next Steps

Another OEWG meeting will be scheduled in May, taking into consideration the calendar of activities of the permanent representatives. The objectives of the meeting will be to agree on the proposal for monitoring the implementation of other policy recommendations, the preparation of the next GTE and the draft decisions for Plenary. The date and venue will be communicated by 11 April COB.

The secretariat will revise the proposal for monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products and other CFS policy recommendations (CFS/OEWG Monitoring/2017/04/6/02), taking into account the consensus reached for most of Section 1. The revised proposal and the Outcomes of the meeting will be sent in preparation of the next meeting of the OEWG in May 2017.