CSM SDGS taking points

Agenda item 2 – update: Presentation of the Secretary General’s Report

- The SG report suggests to undertake the FSN global thematic review in 2017. How much flexible is that? Is that possible to reconsider the same for 2018? This would allow appropriate time for the CFS to contribute if this is agreed by the Plenary.

Agenda item 3: Outline of a proposal on CFS engagement to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (for discussion)

- First of all we would like to acknowledge the effort made by the CFS Secretariat in compiling the written submissions and preparing the annotated outline. We would also like to notice that the number of written submissions is a good indicator of interest and participation.
- **CFS ways of engagement**: the proposed structure of four sections is agreeable. With regard to section 3, which looks at the ways of engagement, the role of the CFS in promoting policy coherence and policy convergence should be enhanced. While this is articulated in terms of supporting countries in the design of policies, the value of the CFS in providing the space to undertake a full comprehensive analysis of the food security and nutrition situation across the world, identify the gaps and challenges that impede the proper implementation of the FSN related goals, and develop those international norms and policies that would create the conditions and policy convergence/coherence for many of the agreeable SDG targets to be met, should be strengthened into the document. This would emerge better by structuring this sessions along the CFS domains (normative, coordination and monitoring) and reorganize the specific activities under these respective domains.
- **CFS way of work**: We strongly agree that no change of the CFS mandate is required. All the practical implications in terms of agenda setting, timeline and ways of working of the CFS should be discussed within the MYPOW (bearing in mind the UNSG Report 48, 53 recognizes that each actor will play a role based on its own work modalities) taking into account that the multi-actor, inclusive and participatory character of the CFS work should be preserved.
- **Global thematic review**: Further discussion is needed on the role and modalities of the CFS in the thematic reviews. It is understood that such an engagement should be driven by the principle of subsidiarity in the relations between CFS and HLPF. This means that the proposed schedule of thematic reviews should take into account the actual modalities of the CFS process. In this regard the contribution of the Global Strategic Framework and its periodic update should be embedded, as the GSF already responds to many expectations of the thematic review, such as the assessment of the FSN situation, the identification of gaps and challenges, the delivery of policy recommendations.

Agenda item 4: CFS products for the 2030 Agenda: preliminary mapping (for discussion)

The mapping is very useful to highlight the contribution of the CFS policy products to the implementation of the SDGs. The role of the Global Strategic Framework should be included and it comprehensiveness highlighted.

Agenda item 5: Next steps:

- We suggest that all participants send their comments to the annotated outline in written form so as to facilitate the Task Team work on the advanced proposal
- We would like to suggest that the requested Intersessional events, expected to deepen some aspects of the Agenda 2030, should be organized in April and May. We suggest a series of two
or three half day events, the first mainly informative, and the other two focusing on specific aspects that deserve a more in depth discussion not allowed by the time constrained OEWGs.