

**Draft CSM Contributions to the Advisory Group and Bureau Meeting
31 January 2018**

Agenda Item 4: Concept note/Draft Agenda 1st event on Urbanisation and Rural Transformation

The CSM Working Group on Urbanization and Rural Transformation is focusing these comments on the process presented in the draft concept note since we expect that we will have the opportunity to express our substantive views later on, during the finalization of the concept notes and in the intersessional events themselves.

We underline once again that this CFS process should conclude with a policy-relevant outcome, given the time already spent on this work stream and the political will that most of the speakers expressed during the last CFS plenary.

For CFS45 to be able to take a decision of any kind, the Chair's Summary needs to be complemented by a Decision box which should be prepared by the TTT, discussed in the AG/Bureau meeting on 23 July and approved by the Bureau.

The TTT was appointed to support the development of the inter-sessional events. However, the TTT was not adequately involved in the preparation of this concept note. Its members were not given the opportunity to meet and were only asked to comment on a secretariat draft by e-mail with a very tight deadline. The process should be respected and the TTT should be fully involved in future steps as foreseen in the MYPoW adopted by CFS44 (CFS 2017/44/8/Rev 1, para. 25)

A Concept note for each of the two inter-sessional events should be drafted by the TTT and shared with members of the AG and Bureau for their comments. To ensure policy coherence and consistency with other CFS policy outcomes, the inter-sessional events should build on the policy recommendations on Connecting Smallholders to Markets, the Women's Empowerment Forum's Chair Summary, as well as on other CFS outcomes (VGGTs, FFA, RtF Guidelines, GSF, etc.)

The CSM and PSM should have the possibility to select speakers for the inter-sessional events. Since the events seek to build a better understanding of the challenges faced by marginalized groups, the voice of the people and communities most affected by hunger and malnutrition should be prioritized and represented in the deliberations of the two inter-sessional events. This should also be reflected in the format of the event. The day's debate should be organized in panels focusing on key aspects of the topic. Each panel should include two speakers suggested by the CSM - reflecting balanced rural and urban experiences - one suggested by the PSM and two to be proposed by the Technical Task Team (TTT). Each panel should be followed by interactive discussion. In the final session of each event the Chair should share his understanding of the key emerging points and these should be commented on by participants.

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