



CFS Bureau Meeting

31 March 2016, 15.30-17.30

German Room, FAO

Outcomes

Agenda:

1. CFS 43 Annotated Agenda, Timetable and suggestions for the opening themes, keynotes and Special Event
2. Policy Round Table process – Revised note and rapporteur
3. Questions for the Advisory Group reporting exercise
4. Approval of OEWG Workplans: Monitoring and MYPoW
5. Resignation from the HLPE Steering Committee
6. Any other business: World Farmers' Organization, on behalf of its partner organizations – Presentation and exchange of views

1. **CFS 43 Annotated Agenda, Timetable and suggestions for the opening themes, keynotes and Special Event** (documents CFS/BurAG/2016/03/31/01a; CFS/BurAG/2016/03/31/01b)

CFS 43 Annotated Agenda

As soon as the text on the proposed SOFI item is available, the Draft Annotated Agenda will be circulated to the Bureau for electronic clearance.

CFS 43 Opening

The Bureau decided on the theme of “Sustainable food systems, nutrition and climate change” for the opening of CFS 43. Regarding the keynote there was a preference for inviting His Majesty King Mohamed HM King Mohammed IV of Morocco as the first choice. If unavailable, the decision would be in the hands of the Chair, with Secretariat support. Some interest was expressed in Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director Oxfam International and Her Highness Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser.

CFS 43 Special Event

Bureau members decided the Special Event during CFS43 should be based on the Secretariat's proposal. The CFS Secretariat will proceed with the arrangements of this special event taking into account feedback received from the Bureau discussion, including the preference to limit country presentations, the importance of maintaining geographic balance, ensuring participation of multi-stakeholder constituencies, and sufficient time for interactive discussions. An update on the format of this event will be provided at the next joint meeting in July. Bureau members are asked to inform their regional groups that volunteer countries should consider participating in this CFS Special Event. The Secretariat would contact volunteer countries inviting contributions.

2. Policy Round Table process – Revised note and rapporteur (document CFS/BurAG/2016/02/02/02/Rev.1)

The process and timeframe were agreed upon with the following changes: After the report launch on 1 July, the timeframe for written comments, upon which the Rapporteur's proposal would be based, is 31 July. The preparatory meeting scheduled for 15 July would be deferred one or two weeks. The rapporteur's proposal would be circulated as soon as possible, likely by 8 August, possibly with some delay in all languages being available. The two day negotiation would be brought forward to 8-9 September. New thematic proposals would not be accepted beyond the two day negotiation. As per usual practice, negotiations on the HLPE policy recommendations would take place in English. All languages versions of the original HLPE recommendations would be available for the 1 July launch. Bureau members should consult on nominations for Rapporteur, and the Secretariat would email on the deadline for nominations.

3. Questions for the Advisory Group reporting exercise (document CFS/BurAG/2016/03/31/06)

The Bureau approved the set of questions for the Advisory Group reporting exercise concerning the period October 2015 – September 2016, amending the third question by deleting the reference to the work done by each constituency in the field of food security and nutrition and decided not to include a fifth question on the long-term vision of CFS. The Bureau also decided that this exercise should not be extended beyond the Advisory Group.

4. Approval of OEWG Workplans: Monitoring and MYPoW and Nutrition – focus of the HLPE report (documents CFS/BurAG/2015/11/24/04/Rev.d; CFS/BurAG/2015/11/24/04/Rev.e)

The workplan on CFS MYPoW and Monitoring were agreed upon. The CFS MYPoW workplan will be amended to reflect that this year a decision will be taken on the themes for the HLPE reports for 2018 and possibly for 2019.

5. Resignation from the HLPE Steering Committee (document CFS/Bur/2016/03/31/05)

The Bureau took note of the resignation of Ms Johanna Hewitt as member of the HLPE Steering Committee and agreed to replace her, based on the recommendation of the ad-hoc technical

selection panel. The appointment will be communicated and formalised once all administrative procedures are completed.

6. Any other business

World Farmers' Organization, on behalf of its partner organizations – Presentation and exchange of views: Bureau members welcomed the frank exchange in the joint meeting, as a sign of the ability of the Committee to listen to voices outside the Committee and to reflect on its inclusiveness. While it was agreed that an in-depth discussion on the inclusiveness of CFS and the composition of the Advisory Group should be grounded on evidence from the findings of the independent evaluation on CFS effectiveness, some Bureau members noted there was no need to wait for the evaluation to have a discussion on changes. It was agreed to ask the Chair to invite the World Farmers' Organization, on behalf of its partners (Federacion de Asociaciones Rurales del Mercosur, East Africa Farmers' Federation, South African Confederation of Agricultural Union, European Farmers and European Agri-Cooperatives, Caribbean Farmers' Network, Panafrican Farmers' Organization and Union Maghrebine et Nord Africaine des Agriculteurs) to participate in the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meetings of this biennium on an ad hoc basis. The OEWDs were already open to their participation and the Bureau noted it would be important they demonstrate their willingness to contribute to the work of CFS through active participation in the OEWDs.

Budget: The Bureau did not address the lack of funding for the upcoming negotiation on Smallholders in June. An update on the budget was provided to the Bureau who requested a regular update, and to have the budget as a standing item.

Meeting participants:

CFS Bureau:

Ms Amira Gornass (Chair / Sudan); Mr Abdul Ayazi (Afghanistan); Mr Claudio Rozencwaig, Mr Nazareno Montani (Argentina); Dr Md. Mazifur Rahman (Bangladesh); Mr Xie Jianmin, Ms Tian Jiani, Mr Ding Lin, Ms Tang Liyue (China); Mr Jose Antonio Carranza (Ecuador); Mr Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt); Mr Jón Erlingur Jónasson (Iceland); Mr Hassan Abouyoub, Mr Mustapha Nahi (Morocco); Mr Matthew Hooper (New Zealand); Ms April Cohen, Silvia Giovanazzi (USA).

Alternates:

Ms Fernanda Mansur Tansini (Brazil); Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany); Mr Ivan Vassallo (Malta).

CFS Secretariat:

Ms Deborah Fulton (Secretary); Ms Cordelia Salter; Ms Francoise Trine; Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Mr Fabio Isoldi; Ms Ophélie Hémonin; Mr Nathanaël Pingault; Ms Christina Zuccaroli; Ms Sylvia Orebi.