



Chair's Summary

Open-Ended Working Group meeting on responsible agricultural investments

22 January 2013 – 9:30-12:30 ; 14:30-17:30 16.30

Agenda

The following agenda was agreed:

1. Updates
2. Calendar of events
3. Annotated Outline
4. Next steps
5. AOB

1. Updates

The OEWG Chair updated the WG on:

- The presence of Mr Jacques Chavaz – Deputy Director General, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland who will be increasingly involved as the RAI principles are developed and negotiated;
- The technical support team composed of experts from FAO, IFAD and WFP which is now in place and has already provided comments on the draft outline;
- Babette Wehrmann as the consultant who will work with CFS Secretariat on the Zero Draft;
- The need to mobilize resources for the coming regional consultations;
- The outcome of the recently held Ministers' Summit at the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture in Berlin:

<http://www.gffa-berlin.de/images/stories/GFFA2013/PDFs/ministers%20communiqu%202013.pdf>

The CFS Chair encouraged all OEWG members to be more proactive in informing the Secretariat of prescheduled meetings involving membership in order to avoid overlaps.

The OEWG Chair introduced Puvan Selvanathan of the UN Global Compact who gave a presentation on the process leading to Sustainable Agriculture Business Principles. Synergies between the two processes will be further explored.

2. Calendar of events

The Secretariat introduced a proposed schedule of regional consultations and was requested to develop Terms of Reference with regards to the scope, format, size and desired outcomes of the consultations.

3. Outline

The OEWG agreed on a revised structure of the headings as per the attached document. This will guide the development of the Zero Draft. Gender related issues and the human rights approach will be an integral part of the principles.

4. Next steps were agreed as follows:

The Zero Draft will be ready for circulation by end of March.

The OEWG Chair proposed to hold the next meeting of the OEWG by mid May and requested the Secretariat to find a suitable date.



PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

OUTLINE

Preamble

- Objective
- Nature and Scope

Each principle will address roles and responsibilities of each actor

Part I - Principles with regards to desired impacts of agricultural investments

1. Food Security and Nutrition impacts
2. Environmental and natural resources impacts
3. Economic and social impacts
4. Cultural impacts

Part II - Principles in support of enabling environment

5. Governance structures, review mechanisms and decision making processes to enable and facilitate responsible agricultural investment (based on VG GT section 3A, 3B,4 and 7)
6. Regulation and governance of investments, in particular the role of the State
7. Policy coherence and sector development

Part III – Principles for coordination, cooperation, partnerships and accountability

8. Coordination among all stakeholders
9. Complementarities between public and private investments
10. Multilateral and regional organizations including international and regional financial institutions
11. Promotion of accountability