

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting

Date: 6 February 2017

German Room, FAO, 09.30-12.30

Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition – Plenary Session Outline

Background

In past years the plenary session for the item on policy convergence associated with the HLPE reports has included a brief presentation of the findings of the report by the HLPE project team, remarks by the Rapporteur, and interventions which have partially focused on the recommendations under development and partially on the overall content addressed in the report and what should be included in the subsequent (not yet agreed) recommendations.

With consensus reached on the CFS recommendations now likely to occur prior to the plenary week, there is an opportunity for a forward looking discussion focused on how to address key issues outlined in the HLPE report and subsequent CFS recommendations, and discuss country experience and lessons learned in applying different approaches. This would shift the focus of the plenary discussion from one focused on ‘what’ policy areas need to be addressed to ‘how’ to operationalize the policy guidance being endorsed.

Proposed Format

-Introductory remarks – highlighting key issues and overview (20 minutes)

- HLPE project team representative to provide an overview of the main findings of the report with particular attention to those areas where divergent evidence and policy responses were found;
- Rapporteur of the CFS policy convergence process on Forestry to present the recommendations agreed by the Committee;
- Chair of the Committee on Forestry to present how the work carried out by CFS on this matter can be used in the context of the ongoing work of COFO.

- Sharing Experience in Addressing Specific Issues to Sustainable Forestry and FSN – a number of speakers are selected to intervene from the floor (50 minutes) to:

- Highlight how they addressed or are addressing a particular issue included in the recommendations and/or in the HLPE report in a particular context, outlining key challenges, lessons learned, and ongoing or next steps and any impact as a result of the initiative/policy being implemented.

-Questions and Remarks from the Floor (100 minutes)

- Participants discuss how lessons and experience could spur further innovation and improvement and/or provide input from their own experience and suggestions for how to address key challenges;

- Participants discuss how well the recommendations have responded to/can address the experience shared by discussants and how they will apply them going forward;
- Participants discuss their roles in the dissemination of the recommendations and the identification of key fora and events where they can be presented and promoted, such as the XV World Forestry Congress taking place in Korea in 2021.

-Conclusion – Closing remarks by introductory speakers and Chair of CFS (10 minutes)