CFS Bureau Meeting
5 February 2016 – 9.30-12.30
German Room, FAO HQs

OUTCOMES

Agenda (See list of attendees below):

1. Draft CFS 43 Timetable
2. CFS 43 Side Events criteria
3. Policy round table process
4. Nutrition – focus of the HLPE report
5. Finalization of workplans (OEWG nutrition, OEWG SDGs and OEWG Smallholders)
6. Workstream updates
7. Any other business

1. **Draft CFS 43 Timetable** (CFS/BurAG/2016/02/02/01)
   
The Bureau provided further comments on the timetable and suggestions for themes for the opening session, confirming interest for climate change if a more specific theme relevant to food systems were proposed. Any further suggestions should be sent to the Secretariat by 16 February 2016.

   The Secretariat was requested to present a revised version of the timetable at the next Bureau and Advisory Group (B/AG) meeting based on feedback received.

2. **CFS 43 Side Events criteria** (CFS/BurAG/2016/02/02/02/bis)
   
The revised CFS 43 side events criteria and guidance were approved by the Bureau, who requested that Member Countries be included in addition to CFS constituencies. The Chair will inform the Bureau of the side events that have been allocated a slot, as soon as the decision has been taken.

3. **Policy round table process** (CFS/BurAG/2016/02/02/03)
   
Bureau members converged on the need to start negotiations before the Plenary. There was general agreement that the Plenary week should still be considered a space for negotiations, but that major thematic proposals should be addressed beforehand, and lengthy night negotiations should be avoided. Succinct, technically sound draft decision boxes were
identified as an essential pre-condition for an effective process, as well as the need for the Bureau to appoint the Rapporteur well ahead of time, preferably on the basis of a short-list of candidates.

4. **Nutrition – focus of the HLPE report** (CFS/BurAG/2016/02/02/04/bis)

The request to the HLPE for a report on Nutrition and Food Systems was approved and will be submitted to the HLPE.

5. **Finalization of workplans** (CFS/BurAG/2015/11/24/04/Rev.a; CFS/BurAG/2015/11/24/04/Rev.b; CFS/BurAG/2015/11/24/04/Rev.c/bis)

The workplans on CFS work on nutrition, SDGs and smallholders were agreed. The Secretariat was requested to explore the interest of international research institutions to join the Task Team on Smallholders. It was reiterated that the style of the negotiation process during the one-off OEWG in June for Smallholders will be provided by the OEWG Chair once the first draft of the document is circulated.

6. **Workstream updates** (CFS/BurAG/2016/02/02/06)

**Workshop on Urbanization and Rural Transformation:** Background documents for the Secretariat’s technical workshop on Urbanization and Rural Transformation will be made available for information for CFS members.

**Evaluation:** Participants underlined the importance of starting the evaluation immediately with the resources available. The Chair reiterated that it was not possible to start the evaluation without confirmation of sufficient resources to carry out the whole process. Members were encouraged to help ensure sufficient funds.

7. **Any other business** (CFS/Bur/2016/02/05/01, CFS/Bur/2016/02/05/02)

**Election of a new Chair of the OEWG on the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF):** It was agreed that Ms Fernanda Tansini (Brazil), on the basis of her personal capacities, is the new Chair of the GSF OEWG.

**Letter to the CFS Bureau from the World Farmers’ Organisation:** The Bureau discussed the letter from the President of the World Farmers’ Organisation asking for a seat for farmers on the Advisory Group. It was decided that WFO would be invited to make a presentation at the next joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting, after which there could be further discussion.

**Follow-up of the Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA):** It was agreed the next Bureau and Advisory Group meeting should share an update in steps taken to implement the CFS-FFA. The Secretariat would prepare a paper capturing the Secretariat’s and RBAs efforts, and Bureau and other Advisory Group members would be invited to share information on their actions.
Meeting participants:

CFS Bureau:

Ms Amira Gornass, Chair (Sudan); Mr Seydou Cissé (Côte d’Ivoire); Mr XIE Jianmin, Ms Tian Jiani, Mr Ding Lin (China); Dr Md. Mafizur Rahman (Bangladesh); Mr Jón Erlingur Jónasson (Iceland); Mr Luca Fratini, Ms Laura Capolongo (Italy); Mr Nazarenio Montani (Argentina); Mr José Antonio Carranza (Ecuador); Dr Abdul Razak Ayazi (Afghanistan); Ms April Cohen, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA); Mr Matthew Hooper (New Zealand); Mr Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt).

Alternates:

Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany); Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland); Ms Fernanda Mansur Tansini, Ms Candice Vianna Sakamoto (Brazil); Mr Miguel Obregen, Mr Pablo Inneken (Costa Rica); Ms Manar Harfoush (Iraq); Ms Mi Nguyen (Canada); Mr Abreha Aseffa (Etiopia),

Observers:

Ms Gerda Verburg (Netherlands); Mr Wim Olthof, Ms Lourdes Magana de Larriva, Jacob Valentini (EU); Mr Zoltan Kalman (Hungary); Mr Faisal Abdelazim Salim Mohamed (Sudan); Ms Segolene Halley des Fontaines (France).

CFS Secretariat:

Ms Deborah Fulton (Secretary); Ms Cordelia Salter; Francoise Trine; Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Ms Siva Jamal Aziz; Ms Ophélie Hémonin; Mr Nathanael Pingault; Ms Cristina Zuccaroli; Ms Sylvia Orebi; Ms Alessandra Gherardelli.