

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

**Agenda Item 5: Meeting on issues not addressed during the policy discussions on sustainable forestry**

The CSM would like to reiterate the importance of a proper discussion event on the relation between commercial plantations and food security and nutrition, as agreed by the CFS 44 plenary (see CFS 44 final report paragraph 21d). The discussions started at CFS 44 on this issue should continue in 2018 and include all CFS actors, including the relevant Rome based agencies. With a view towards this, the CSM has the following proposals:

Process: A TTT, open to all Advisory Group members, should be mandated to take forward the planning for this event including timeline, scope, content and budget. Taking into account the need for good preparation, and the current workload and budgetary constraints, we could foresee the event to take place in spring 2019, not in 2018.

Scope and content: Following on from the policy recommendations, the CFS should focus on its added value to host such an event on plantations and FSN. The event should generate genuine debate while focusing on the roles of small-scale food producers. As such it is imperative that we are able to bring grassroots experience and analysis from our constituencies around the world. The CFS event has a unique opportunity to add significantly to the global debate around plantations by creating an inclusive debate that brings out agreements and contradictions between all the different actors. Therefore, we need to jointly aim for an event that has adequate time, budget and participation to make it meaningful.

Regarding content, it would be important to bring in all the views relevant to the topic that are actively engaged in the CFS, including the RBAs. The HLPE report is already a good starting point and indicates some areas of consideration such as genetic diversity, biodiversity (including pollination), food safety nets, nutritional value, income and employment. The policy recommendations themselves included important additions such as small-scale food producers' spiritual, cultural, social, political and economic relationship with forests. Moreover, the outcomes of such an event could feed into the CFS Contributions to the HLPF processes in 2019, as Forestry is particularly relevant to SDGs 8 and 13.