

**CSM Draft Contributions to the CFS Bureau/AG meeting
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Agenda item 3 – CFS 44 Policy Convergence Process – Sustainable Forestry

- The proposal follows in the footsteps of the previous process on Sustainable Agricultural Development and Livestock in 2016 and builds on that experience, which, overall, we consider in a positive light. We particularly welcome the fact that interpretation will be provided at the negotiations in September, which is a lesson learned from last year.
- Even though the goal is to complete negotiations before the plenary, this may not necessarily be the case. It is worth reminding ourselves that it is the plenary which has the mandate to finalise the policy convergence process, and it is not possible at this moment to pre-determine that such engagement of the plenary won't be needed.
- In this sense, we do not think that it is recommendable to agree on a detailed agenda for the plenary session on this matter. At this stage, we can define the general agenda of the session, which includes a presentation on the HLPE report followed by a multi-stakeholder discussion on the findings and draft policy recommendations stemming from the negotiations.