



CFS Bureau & Advisory Group Meeting

12 September 2016, 9.30-12.30

German Room, FAO

Outcomes

Agenda

1. CFS 43 preparation and workstream updates
2. Forum on Women's empowerment – workplan and funding
3. CFS approaches to policy convergence (*postponed from March meeting*)
4. CFS meeting content planning
5. CSM presentation
6. AOB

1. **CFS 43 preparation and workstream updates** (CFS/BurAG/2016/09/12/01)

The Secretariat gave an update on the status of the arrangements for CFS 43 Plenary, the Side Events and the Information Marketplace, noting that plenary preparation is well advanced: all session documents are available, except for the MYPoW document which was awaiting for the last OEWG meeting in the afternoon; most information documents are also available in all languages; and the plenary will be paper-smart to reduce its ecological footprint.

Bureau and Advisory Group participants welcomed the update, some noted there was limited information available regarding the RBAs special event. The meeting was informed that the RBA event would involve a dialogue on a common framework for nutrition sensitive value chains by the RBAs and like-minded partners. Further information on the event and the panellists will be shared shortly.

Comments on planning for the Global Thematic Event on VGGTs reflected the importance of having balanced presentation not only of successes but also challenges; the important role of FAO; and of developed countries considering their contribution not only as development partners. It was noted this event is a pilot and should be reflected on before embarking in a new monitoring exercise.

It was clarified that the decision on CFS role after the forum on urbanisation and rural transformation would need to be taken in the plenary, at the end of the forum.

The event “Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises: Leaving No One Behind” will be held in Nairobi on 19 September. CSM and PSM both appreciated the opportunity to participate. About 50 participants are expected to attend.

As outlined in the final inception report of the CFS Evaluation, The Secretariat informed the meeting the final report is now expected by March 2017. The importance of the evaluation was reiterated. Some concern was raised over the lack of translation of the draft version of the evaluation report, and the importance of sufficient time to discuss the report. The meeting was reminded that an email address has been created as a direct line of communication between CFS stakeholders and the evaluation team. The Secretariat noted it would raise the issue of timing and translation with the evaluation manager.

2. Forum on Women’s empowerment – workplan and funding (CFS/BurAG/2016/09/12/02)

Members and participants agreed on the relevance and timeliness of this CFS work stream, particularly in the context of the 2030 Agenda and SDG 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), which will be reviewed, among others, during HLPF 2017.

The proposal to undertake the Forum as a global thematic event under the purview of the OEWG Monitoring was perceived as appropriate by several Bureau and Advisory Group members, also in light of the existing resource constraints. Others were concerned this approach could be less concrete and suggested that further discussion to determine the most suitable approach would be needed. In discussing plans for this workstream the Bureau was encouraged to make sure that due attention is given to its timeline and budgetary implications, noting that resources are yet to be secured.

In concluding, the Chair of the meeting invited those Bureau members less supportive of the approach to present their concrete suggestions at the Bureau meeting.

3. CFS approaches to policy convergence (CFS/BurAG/2016/03/31/05)

Members and participants welcomed the document presented by the Secretariat and the reflection it triggered. Everybody agreed that the topic of how CFS can continuously improve should be regularly discussed. A variety of points were made about the specific areas covered by the document including alternatives to

negotiation, the scheduling and timing for negotiations, and about how the contentious issues were presented and could be addressed differently. Several members and participants highlighted that there is not a one size-fits-all solution, and indeed each past policy negotiation within CFS was different. The importance of the results of the evaluation would be an important element to future discussions on how CFS works.

4. **CFS meeting content planning** (CFS/BurAG/2016/07/08/08_b_Rev1)

The document outlining the agendas of the upcoming Bureau and Advisory Group meetings was presented. It was reiterated that this is a living document which is expected to help plan future CFS work. Concerns were raised regarding the short time between the presentation of the final report of the CFS evaluation and its discussion at the joint Bureau and Advisory Group meeting in February. It was clarified that this will be addressed either postponing the discussion or creating a new space for this important item.

5. **CSM presentation**

CSM made a presentation of the mechanism and its various constituencies.

6. **Any other business**

Under AOB, PSM gave a presentation of its mechanism and work.



Annex I: Participants

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Jon Erlingur Jonasson (CFS Vice-Chair / Iceland); Mr Abdul Ayazi (Afghanistan); Mr Nazareno Montani (Argentina); Mr Xie Jianmin, Ms Tang Liyne, Mr Xu Yubo (China); Mr Jose Antonio Carranza (Ecuador); Mr Abreha Aseffa (Ethiopia); Mr Oliver Mellenthin (Germany, replacing Italy); Mr Matthew Hooper (New Zealand); Ms Anne-Marie Moulton (South Africa); Ms Liliane Ortega (Switzerland, replacing Iceland); Ms April Cohen, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Mi Nguyen (Canada); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano, Pablo José Innecken Zúñiga, Maria Jose' Sanasalone (Costa Rica).

Advisory Group Members:

Mr Kostas Stamoulis, Ms Marcela Villareal (FAO); Ms Mihoko Tamamura, Mr Jacopo Valentini (WFP); Mr David Suttie (IFAD); Mr Gabriel Ferrero (HLTF); Ms Stineke Oenema, Ms Christine Campeau (UNSCN); Ms Marzella Wustefeld (WHO); Ms Alberta Guerra, Mr Naseegh Jaffer, Mr Javier Sánchez, Ms Camila Gurriaran, Nora McKen, Teresa Maisano, Luca Binchi, Giulia Simule (CSM); Ms Robynne Anderson, Ms Paulina Ceballos, Mr Ben Robinson (PSM); Ms Laura Capolongo, Ms Kati Partanen (WFO).

Observers:

Ms Lourdes Magana De Larriva (EU); Ms Ségolène Halley des Fontaines (France); Mr Zoltan Kalman (Hungary); Mr Perfrancesco Sacco, Mr Davide Bradanini (Italy); Mr Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands); Mr Lorenzo De Santis (UK); Ms Federica Sperti, Mr Stefano Mori, Ms Benedetta Merlo (IPC).

CFS Secretariat:

Ms Deborah Fulton (Secretary); Ms Cordelia Salter, Ms Francoise Trine, Mr Giammichele Di Maio, Mr Nathanael Pingault, Ms Chiara Cirulli, Mr Emilio Colonnelli, Mr Fabio Isoldi, Ms Ophélie Hémonin, Ms Siva Jamal, Ms Alessandra Gherardelli, Ms Sylvia Orebi, Ms Daniela Mei.