



Bureau Meeting Outcomes

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Date: 01 December 2016

Time: 09.30-12.30

Location: Mexico Room, FAO

Agenda

1. Feedback on CFS 43
2. CFS 44 Timetable
3. Forum on Women's empowerment
4. Advisory Group reporting exercise
5. Ad-hoc Participants voluntary reporting
6. CFS Evaluation – Discussion on the outcomes of the workshop
7. Selection Chair OEWG on Urbanization and Rural Transformation
8. Budget
 - a. Updates for 2016-2017
 - b. Sustainable funding to implement agreed MYpoW activities
9. AOB

1. [Feedback on CFS 43 \(CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/01\)](#)

The CFS Chair opened the item summarising the outcomes of the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting. Some Bureau members noted that the idea of holding Plenary outside of Rome could be a way to raise the profile of the Committee. This would be subject to resourcing, would most likely need the host country to supplement plenary funding, and would also require a change in the Rules of Procedure. Members also discussed the decision text process for plenary and agreed that all decision texts are considered in draft until adopted by Plenary. They also thought that it is important to find a way to handle last minute issues that come up in an efficient manner which could include, if needed, having Bureau meetings during Plenary week.

2. [CFS 44 Timetable \(CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/02\)](#)

Bureau members agreed that there had been a good discussion in the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on the CFS 44 draft timetable. They asked the Secretariat to take the comments into consideration when putting together the version of the Timetable for the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting in February including keeping the nutrition items together in one day, giving more time to the new SOFI discussion, creating a high impact opening morning and putting the business items together later in the week. The Bureau decided to wait until the next Bureau and Advisory Group meetings in February to make a decision on whether to hold a monitoring Global Thematic Event at CFS 44 and the topic of this event. Most members expressed preference for having the next monitoring event at CFS 45 in 2018 as CFS-RAI and FFA were endorsed too recently to be monitored. Further comments including suggestions for high level keynote speakers should be sent to the Secretariat by 15 Jan 2017.

3. [Forum on Women's empowerment \(CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/03\)](#)

The Chair gave a summary of the discussion with the Advisory Group. The Bureau expressed a preference for the process described under option 1 (Forum under the purview of the Bureau and Advisory Group) and agreed a Technical Task Team should be established as soon as possible to prepare an annotated outline for discussion and decision at the next round of meetings in February. The Technical Task Team should propose an approach and outcome for the Forum, for decision by the Bureau. The outline prepared by the Technical Task Team should take into account the inputs provided by the Bureau and Advisory Group in their 29 November and 1 December meetings. It was agreed that participation in the Technical Task Team is open to Advisory Group members, UN Women, CEDAW and the RBA gender network. Bureau Members suggested inviting UN Women and the CEDAW Secretariat as ad hoc advisory group participants to the next meeting of the Advisory Group for the discussion on the Forum on Women's Empowerment.

4. [Advisory Group reporting exercise \(CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/04\)](#)

5. [Ad-hoc Participants voluntary reporting \(CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/05\)](#)

These two items were discussed together. The Chair summarized the outcomes of the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting before opening the floor for further discussion and guidance. Members agreed that the reporting exercise must continue, though some suggested that preparing an outline for the reporting could improve its quality. Members also agreed that CGIAR and the World Bank are important stakeholders, and not submitting reports does not mean they should be excluded from the Advisory Group. Their presence and participation should be improved by making the meetings more attractive to them. The Secretariat noted that both CGIAR and the World Bank are more active in the OEWGs and in the Technical Task Teams. It was suggested that initial discussions on the composition of the next Advisory Group should be included in the agenda of the February meeting. The importance of a clear distinction between joint Bureau and Advisory Group meetings (where the Advisory Group provide advice to the Bureau and have an exchange); and the Bureau meetings (which take decisions and give guidance to the Secretariat) was emphasized.

6. CFS Evaluation – Discussion on the outcomes of the workshop (CFS/EvaluationWorkshop/2016/11/29/02)

The Bureau noted that the discussion at the workshop was fruitful and all Members agreed, upon request from CSM, to reschedule the meeting to discuss the first draft of the Evaluation Report from 10 February to 17 February. The rescheduling of this meeting will give more time for translating (part of) the report and obtaining feedback from constituencies and capitals.

7. Selection Chair OEWG on Urbanization and Rural Transformation

The Bureau welcomed the nomination of HE Hans Hoogeveen (Ambassador for the Netherlands) as Chair OEWG on Urbanization and Rural Transformation.

8. Budget

- a. Updates for 2016-2017 (CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/07a/REV);
(CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/07b)
- b. Sustainable funding to implement agreed MYpoW activities
(CFS/BurAG/2016/11/29/07c)

The Chair encouraged countries to contribute to 2016-17 budget to close the gap. The Bureau asked the Secretariat to prepare a document showing what can be funded with the resources currently available. Some members underlined that there was no possible way to ensure sustainable funding without additional contribution from RBAs.

9. AOB

No other business was discussed

Annex 1: List of attendees

CFS Bureau Members:

Ms Amira Gornass (CFS Chair / Sudan); Mr Abdul Ayazi (Afghanistan); Ms Fernanda Mansur Tansini (Brazil); Ms Tian Jiani, (China); Mr Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt); Mr Oliver Mellenthin, Ms Nathalie Jobert (Germany); Mr jon Erlingur (Iceland); Ms Maria de los Angeles Gomez (Mexico); Mr Mohammed Asri (Morocco); and Ms April Cohen, Ms Silvia Giovanazzi (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy).

CFS Secretariat:

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Mr Fabio Ricci.