CSM Update Feb/March 2017

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CFS Concept Note for the Women’s Empowerment Forum to take place in 2017
The Bureau agreed on the CFS Concept note for the Women’s Empowerment Forum on 10 February, following the discussion with the Advisory Group on 6 February. Please find at this link the approved Concept Note and the CSM contributions delivered on the 6 of February on this item. The Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 3 May will discuss the Outline of the background document and the agenda and format of the Forum.

Updates from the OEWG on SDG meeting of 3 March
On March 3 the OEWG on SDGs took place with the aim to advance in the CFS written contribution to the 2017 HLPF review, expected early May by the UN Secretariat in NY. The meeting dedicated also some time to an exchange of views on the work envisaged in the next biennium to support CFS’ engagement with the 2030 Agenda, to support the ongoing MYPoW discussion on the Committee’s work in the next two years. The background documents for the meeting included: agenda, CFS engagement with the 2030 Agenda beyond 2017, Zero draft contribution to the HLPF, Zero draft key-messages for the CFS contribution to the HLPF. CSM contributions to the meeting will be sent with the next CSM Update. The next OEWG meeting will take place on the 18 of April.

Updates from the OEWG on MYPoW of 6 February
On February 6 the meeting of the OEWG on MYPoW took place. It discussed the outcomes of the ranking exercise for the HLPE report in 2019, and the other CFS workstreams for the next biennium 2018-2019. Read the CFS Outcomes of the meeting and the CSM contributions. The next OEWG meeting will take place on the 18 of April.
Upcoming meeting on CFS Sustainable Funding of 9 March
The Bureau and Advisory Group Members agreed during their July 2016 meeting that there should be a discussion with CFS Members and Participants beyond the Bureau and Advisory Group members, on ensuring sustainable funding to implement agreed MYPoW activities. The meeting has been convened by the CFS Chair and will take place on the 9th of March. The Background documents prepared by the CFS Secretariat include: Agenda, CFS Sustainable Funding, Overview of CSM contributions and comments to the OEWG on Nutrition of 10 February
The OEWG on Nutrition took place on February 10th. Read the CFS Outcomes of the meeting and the CSM contributions.

2. OTHER CSM ACTIVITIES

CSM Information Meeting on 7 February
The CSM held its annual Information meeting on “Civil Society Priorities for CFS in 2017” last 7 of February. The objective of the meeting was to present the CSM Annual Report for the year 2015-2016 and share CSM priorities, workplan and budget for 2017. The CFS Chair made a welcoming address to the meeting that was open to all CFS Members and Participants.

CSO report from the event on the Right to Adequate Food, 24 January
Read the CSO Report from the event on the Right to Adequate Food co-organized by the CSM and Norway in collaboration with Switzerland, Brazil and South Africa that took place on the 24 of January.

Call for Participation to CSM WG on Forestry
One of the important workstreams of the CFS in 2017 is the topic of Sustainable Forestry for Food Security and Nutrition. A Report from the High-Level Panel of Experts will be published by the end of June 2017, and will be followed by policy convergence leading to policy recommendations to be adopted by the CFS Plenary in October 2017.

The CSM has opened a call to join a new CSM Working Group that will be created to accompany the policy convergence process on this topic in 2017, and also the follow-up after the approval of the CFS Policy recommendations. This call to join the CSM Working Group on Forestry is open to all interested civil society organizations working on the topic. The role of the CSM Working Group is to contribute with civil society comments and proposals to the policy convergence process, as outlined below, and hence to the content of the CFS Policy Recommendations on this topic. Interested organizations are requested to send an email to the CSM Secretariat to express their wish to join the new CSM Working Group on Forestry: cso4cfs@gmail.com

Information on the Process: In preparation of the last Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 6 February the CFS Secretariat submitted a process proposal for this topic. The CFS Policy Convergence Process on Sustainable Forestry will start on June 27th with the launch of the HLPE Report. After the HLPE launch there will be a window of 4 weeks, until 24 of July, to collect a first round of written inputs and proposals on the focus of the CFS recommendations based on the evidence presented by the HLPE Report.
On the 25th of July is scheduled a first meeting to hold a preliminary round of discussion on the different comments submitted. Based on the presented comments, the Rapporteur will draft her/his proposal and circulate it at the beginning of August. A second round of written comments will follow with deadline on 11 of September. Then, a two-days negotiation session with official interpretation will take place in Rome on 19 and 20 of September with the aim to agree on consensus text and identify the areas of contention, that could be addressed by informal working groups If needed the Rapporteur could draft a new proposal on any remaining un-agreed text and assign issues to be taken up for resolution by informal working groups. In this sense a window of informal meetings is foreseen from 25 September to October 2. If needed a half-day wrap-up meeting will take place on 4 October to finalize the document based on the informal working groups’ outcomes. If the document is approved and send to Plenary before CFS 44 week begins, the dedicated Plenary Session in the week from 9 to 13 of October will focus on the use and application of this outcome. If the document is not finalized before the CFS Plenary week, the negotiations will be concluded during CFS 44 in order to adopt the Policy Recommendations.