

## CSM Plenary Statements on CFS Evaluation, 12 October, 2017

### **(3<sup>rd</sup> Intervention)**

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##### **Other issues of importance that should be tackled in the Follow-up to the CFS evaluation report:**

- As agreed yesterday, Gender equality, women's rights and women's empowerment should be mainstreamed throughout the CFS. The discussion on the evaluation provide an appropriate space for this.
- One topic that should be particularly discussed is the challenge for a better use, application and monitoring of CFS Policy Outcomes: How can we better use at home what was agreed in Rome? This discussion has been significantly pushed by the CSM in 2017, together with some governments.
- How to make the CFS a truly responsive place to the global challenges of today and tomorrow? This question refers to global urgencies such as the famines and severe food crises as well as to global challenges with huge implications, such as the debate on megamergers in the agribusiness sector.
- Last but not least: the role of the Rome-based Agencies in strengthening the CFS:

The engagement of RBAs with the CFS should be assessed on the different levels of their involvement:

- they are part of the Joint Secretariat;
- they are part of the funding structure; they are part of the policy process, through the OEWG and the Advisory Group;
- they can link their own priorities, policies and programs with CFS processes;
- their role in the dissemination, use and application of CFS policy outcomes is absolutely key; and
- their role in contributing to the CFS monitoring exercise is essential.

On all these levels, the involvement of RBAs needs to be revisited and strengthened. The case of the roles of RBAs regarding the VGGT can show the achievements and shortcomings in this respect, and also the potentials and needs for change in the future.