

## CSM Contributions to the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 24 September 2018

### Remarks on the draft agenda of the Meeting:

- CSM would like to make an announcement under “any other business” with an invitation to the upcoming CSM Annual Forum on 13-14 October.
- CSM would like to suggest a discussion on the inclusion of the International Day of Rural Women into the agenda. Last Monday, the CSM Women Constituency had directed a letter to the CFS Chair on this matter which the Chair then forwarded to the CFS Bureau, in preparation of a discussion on this topic at today’s meeting. We suggest discussing this point under agenda item 5 when dealing with the foreseen CFS 45 agenda and timetable.

### Agenda Item 1 - CFS 45 - Critical and Emerging Issues – Proposal concerning HLPE activities in 2020

- We appreciate the changes made to the concept towards an HLPE note to provide a stocktaking analysis of HLPE and CFS contributions to achieving the SDGs, particularly SDG 2.
- The objective of this note should clearly spell out that the analysis will not only examine the HLPE reports, but also the CFS policy products. In addition, it should not unrealistically aim at elaborating a global narrative on food security and nutrition in a 20-pages document. It should rather aim at identifying the opportunities and challenges in building such a global narrative on FSN.
- Originally, we supported the idea to have a full HLPE report on a topic proposed by the HLPE note on critical and emerging issues that has not been addressed yet. But we acknowledge that the discussions in last July led to the current proposal, and we hope that others can also join this direction.
- The topics proposed by the US seem to narrow to us regarding their proposed scope. There might be, however, the possibility to include the second proposed topic on data collection and analysis tools as one aspect into the scope of the proposed Stocktaking analysis on FSN.
- In any case, it is important to us that an HLPE report is followed by a meaningful policy convergence process in the CFS. What is the point in having an HLPE report without using it to inform a CFS policy convergence process? The response to the Evaluation just agreed that CFS will make the best use of HLPE reports.

### Agenda Item 2 - Monitoring

#### **a) Proposals for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations**

The revised proposal from Italy and CSM includes the different comments received. Some comments suggested monitoring more than three specific policy recommendations, others less. The proposal now is a balanced compromise which, according to the CFS Secretariat, is also financially feasible.

#### **b) Promoting accountability and sharing of best practices – with Draft Decision**

The still bracketed paragraphs c) and d) should be kept and the brackets lifted. Paragraph c) will be filled with the outcome of the Bureau decision on monitoring specific policy recommendations in 2019.

Paragraph d) is necessary to take forward the agreements adopted within the response to the CFS evaluation on the CFS innovative monitoring mechanism. A one-off meeting in 2019 can only be sufficient if it is very well prepared. One option could be to have a draft agenda for this meeting being briefly discussed at an AG/Bureau meeting two months before.

### Agenda Item 3 - CFS Evaluation

#### **a) Implementation Report**

The last Evaluation on the implementation of the response to the CFS evaluation achieved consensus on the TOR of the Chair and the Secretary, and almost consensus for the processes and composition of the CFS Advisory Group.

We welcome the outcomes of the meeting of 18 September and we are ready to endorse the annex H as it stands now, believing that is an acceptable compromise for everyone. We therefore do not suggest re-opening the text.

In case the discussion is reopened, we would have some editorial proposals for paragraph 16 a), but more importantly the request to include our proposal from last Tuesday into paragraph 16b and para 26 of the core implementation report. The proposal was to include the following sentence: *“Organizations interested in participating in the CFS are invited to request their inclusion to the coordination mechanisms or institutions of the pertinent participant categories.”*

#### **b) CFS 45 Draft decision**

CSM can agree with the draft decision box. Moreover, we would underline and reaffirm our deep appreciation of the work done by the two co-facilitators, Jiani and Oliver. We think they did their best, in a complicated and sometimes controversial environment, to translate the response to the CFS evaluation into concrete measures to strengthen the CFS.

### Agenda Item 4 - CFS Bureau and Advisory Group calendar for 2018-2019

- We suggest combining, where ever possible, the meeting dates of the CFS Advisory Group with the ones of other CFS meetings on workstreams or CFS intersessional events. This can help a lot to create synergy and save travel costs.
- AG/Bureau meetings on Mondays are not convenient to us. CSM usually consolidates the inputs received from its Working Groups on the items of an AG/Bureau meeting in a prep meeting on the day before the AG/Bureau meeting itself, with the attending AG members already being in Rome. AG/Bureau meetings on Mondays usually mean to make us and our secretariat working on the weekends.
- There is one CFS Bureau meeting scheduled for early June, without a preceding joint AG/Bureau meeting. What wonder what would be the rationale for that?

### Agenda Item 5 - CFS Bureau and Advisory Group calendar for 2018-2019

#### **CFS 45 and Workstream Updates**

Regarding the Global Thematic Event, we have two observations and suggestions:

- In the Opening, it was suggested that FAO DG would also provide a keynote on FAO's contributions on the use and application of the Right to Food Guidelines. Please provide an update on what happened this requested FAO contribution.
- CPLP countries made a huge effort for holding national events in 7 countries and sent in their reports before the deadline end of June. In case, Colombia or Burkina Faso do not confirm their participation to the GTE, we would suggest

Cabo Verde as the current Chair of the CPLP to report on these extraordinary efforts during the Panel of the Global Thematic Event.

### ***Revised CFS 45 Agenda/Revised CFS 45 Timetable/CFS 45 Annotated Agenda***

On 15 October, UN International Day of Rural Women: the CSM submitted a Letter to the CFS Chair reiterating the strong expectation of the CSM Women Constituency and the CSM Coordination Committee for a key note address of a rural women speaker being included into the agenda of the CFS Plenary in the morning of the CFS 45. We cannot understand how the CFS can start its session on that day which also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN International Rural Women's Day without a speaker from rural women.

We strongly suggest the CFS Bureau to reconsider this request to include a rural women representative as a key note speaker after the formal Opening of the CFS 45. In case it is approved, we will be happy to share with you names of possible rural women representatives with a long-standing history in working with rural women, especially those who are small-scale farmers, indigenous peoples, fisherfolks or pastoralists.

On 16 October, World Food Day (WFD): we would like to request an update on the agenda of the day, and particularly about the involvement of CFS actors, such as the CFS Chair, the CSM and PSM in its development, to ensure synergy between the WFD and the CFS week.

We also would like to know if the WFD panel discussions after the official ceremony are completely open to CFS participants, or if there are further restrictions to participation.

On 17 October, the agenda seems to be too packed for only one day. This may limit time and substance of discussions, particularly participation to the discussion on critical and emerging issues. We would suggest to eventually reserve a part of the Thursday afternoon Plenary to conclude the possibly unfinished business of the Wednesday afternoon.

For the Plenary discussion on the Critical and Emerging Issues, we suggest this item being introduced with a short presentation of the HLPE note on Critical and Emerging issues, with a particular mentioning of those themes that have not been taken on by the CFS so far.

### ***CFS 45 SOFI Rollout/ CFS 45 SOFA Rollout***

The outlines for these panels should be seen as tentative and flexible. We think that panelists should feel free and encouraged to draw on their experiences, background and context when addressing the CFS Plenary on these topics.

### **Agenda item 6: Any Other Business**

We would like to herewith invite you to participate to the Opening Session of the 2018 CSM Forum on Saturday, 13 October, from 9:30-11:00h in the Red Room. This Opening Public Panel will discuss the following topic: *"It's time for a recommitment with the CFS as part of a more effective response to the alarming food insecurity and malnutrition situation in the world"*. We are glad that the CFS Chair, the FAO Director-General and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food already confirmed their participation to this discussion.