



CFS ADVISORY GROUP REPORTING EXERCISE 2018

INTRODUCTION

The CFS Rules of Procedure provide clear guidance on the role of the Advisory Group. In particular, they state that *“the Advisory Group shall assist the Bureau by sharing with it the expertise and knowledge of the broad range of organizations it represents and its outreach to constituencies. It shall contribute regularly with substantive work to the intersessional activities of the Committee, and its members may propose issues to the Bureau for consideration”*¹.

Furthermore, *“each member of the Advisory Group should be responsible for the establishment, maintenance and strengthening of regular linkages with organizations and entities within the category it represents with a view to:*

- a) Promote the engagement of interested organizations and entities that are represented in each of the five categories of the Advisory Group in order to ensure a two-way exchange of information during CFS inter-sessional periods;*
- b) Facilitate the participation and provision of inputs, comments and proposals regarding ongoing CFS activities from those entities represented in each category that could provide relevant contributions to CFS discussions;*
- c) Assist the Bureau in the identification of important developments in the area of food security and nutrition at global, regional and national levels and raise awareness towards the ongoing activities carried out by the different entities represented in each category;*
- d) Contribute to the dissemination of CFS outcomes and deliberations”*².

In line with their roles and responsibilities, *“at the end of each inter-sessional period, each member of the Advisory Group should prepare a report to inform the Bureau about the work carried out during the year to fulfil their roles. Particular attention should be devoted to the achievements obtained in involving their constituencies and facilitating a two-way exchange of information and inputs among their stakeholders and the Committee”*³.

The provision regarding the reporting exercise was included in the CFS Rules of Procedure at CFS 41 in 2014. The Bureau then agreed on a set of questions to be submitted to the Advisory Group members and the first reports were provided in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The Bureau, following discussions with its Advisory Group, at its meeting on 23 November is expected to finalize and agree upon the reporting exercise concerning the period January-December 2018.

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR THE REPORTING EXERCISE 2018

¹ CFS Rules of Procedure, Rule IV, paragraph 2

² CFS Rules of Procedure, Rule IV, paragraph 3

³ CFS Rules of Procedure, Rule IV, paragraph 4

The following questions are suggested to be forwarded to the attention of the Advisory Group members. They will be asked to submit their inputs by Friday 8 February 2019.

I. Involvement of the constituency in the work of the Committee

Describe the work carried out in support of the various CFS intersessional and plenary activities, including the promotion of the flow of information and inputs between your constituency and CFS to support the provision of inputs to CFS processes;

II. Contribution to the dissemination of CFS outcomes and deliberations

Describe the main elements of your outreach and the activities undertaken to disseminate the results of the CFS work;

III. Strengthening the linkages between Advisory Group constituencies and the Committee

- a) What activities should be implemented to enhance the interaction between the Committee and the different relevant actors on the ground?
- b) What can Advisory Group members do to increase the knowledge about CFS work and results at country level to their constituencies?
- c) Do you have suggestions on how links can be further strengthened?

THE PROCESS

Following the submission of the reports, it is suggested that an open meeting involving all interested CFS stakeholders is organized to give the opportunity to each Advisory Group member to present their activities in support of the work of CFS and the dissemination of its policy outcomes.

In case of agreement, the open meeting can take place on Friday 26 April from 9.30 to 12.30.