

Bullet points for preparing our interventions for tomorrow's MYPOW meeting.

On the agenda:

- We acknowledge the preparatory work of the CFS Secretariat in putting together the initial proposal and the draft work plan. With the OEWG Meeting of 18 March, a new cycle of a MYPOW process starts. In this sense, the **meeting should aim to discuss and agree first of all about the proposed process until October 2017**, in accordance to the Guidance Note, as agreed by the CFS 42. It would make therefore make sense to first discuss and agree on the workplan for the period and then the way how to come to an agreement on the theme of the HLPE reports until 20 June. **We therefore suggest that Agenda item 3 should become agenda item 1.**

On the Workplan:

- The MYPOW process faces (again) a problem of sequence, as at least the HLPE theme for 2018 needs to be defined at a moment when the MYPOW Process for 2018/2019 has hardly started. But we have to find a pragmatic solution to it.
- We suggest **to define until the June meeting the theme for the HLPE report in 2018 only**, not the one for 2019. The HLPE report themes should be defined as part of the priorities for future workstreams of the CFS, should offer the evidence-based ground for them.
- The OEWG also will need to discuss the question of the number of HLPE reports, in addition to the Note on Critical and Emerging issues that is already included in the Guidance Note. **In this sense, it would be good to request the HLPE Secretariat and HLPE Steering Committee if they can produce more than one Report per year, as they do in the current biennium as well.** Then, the OEWG should discuss how many reports to include into the MYPOW for the next biennium.
- **We welcome that the challenge to secure resources is part of the expected outcomes of the MYPOW process.** The search for resources, which is also certainly a task beyond the scope and mandate of the MYPOW OEWG, should however **not be coupled with the selection or definition of themes for HLPE reports or other Workstreams.** The sentence in the table of the Workplan that links the definition of HLPE with commitments for resources should be deleted. The CFS cannot accept any donor-driven agenda setting. The search for resources for 2018-2019 needs to start now, but either as a separate workplan of the MYPOW, or of the CFS Secretariat with support of the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group.
- The **broader consultation process** among regional groups and AG constituencies foreseen for November 2006-January 2007 should **have more time and could start earlier, for example from September to Dezember 2016.** It should be based on a methodology that gives clear guidance, in line with the Guidance note. The challenge will then be how to group and prioritize the many themes that will be collected. For that exercise, the MYPOW OEWG will certainly need the time from January to June 2017, and possibly rather three than two meetings.
- Regarding the upcoming electronic consultation on the theme of the HLPE report of 2018, we suggest to give a bit more time to CFS members and participants. The deadline for submissions should be extended from 8 April to 22 April, at least to April 15.
- Finally, we seek clarification about the way of prioritization and selection of the theme for the HLPE report 2018. What will be the mechanism that will be used to actually select the theme by 20 June? Will it be by vote or a ranking exercise? When will it be done? Would be good to hear from the Chair and the Secretariat.

On the initial proposal:

- We understand that the themes proposed in the initial proposal for the period 2018-2019 are a list of first ideas that should feed into the broad and participative process of consultation.
- The main challenge that is there now is how to define the theme for the 2018 HLPE Report, without having discussed the full range of themes after a broader consultation and deliberation process. It is a process of choosing one theme out of a broad spectrum of relevant themes.
- The CSM has proposed two important themes for the CFS, of high relevance for food security and nutrition: Agroecology and genetic resources. We believe that on both of these topics, an HLPE report would be very much needed and extremely helpful for an evidence-based deliberation process in the CFS. We will submit this proposal in the framework of the electronic consultation and hope that CFS members will recognize the importance of these topics and support the proposals.
- On the other ideas included in the initial proposal: the CSM has to consult this internally further. We can preliminarily say that the idea of a second HLPE report on Climate Change and FSN seems to be a kind of duplication. While we are sure that many CSOs in the CSM will certainly welcome a re-engagement of the CFS with the topic, we are not sure if a second HLPE report is the most appropriate proposal to advance on this.
- Themes like trade and FSN, or financial markets and their impact on FSN seem to be interesting, but as said before, we cannot take a position on them now, as we need to have advance internal consultations on this.
- We do not share the assessment that the theme of inequalities and their impact on FSN, proposed by the HLPE Note on Critical and Emerging Issues, has been taken up by the CFS so far. Only the aspect of gender equality will be tackled in the upcoming CFS Workstream on Women's empowerment. But the more holistic challenge, as explained in the HLPE note, has not been captured yet and might merit the attention of the CFS MYPOW process for 2018-2019.
- Last but not least: we agree that a new note of the HLPE on critical and emerging issues should be requested by the CFs in October 2016. The note should be ready to inform the next MYPOW process for 2020-2012, that will start beginning of 2018, two years from here.