



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

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REPORT

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IV.E FORUM ON URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

1. The Committee:

- a) Noted the overview provided in document CFS 2016/43/11 "Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition: Key Areas for Policy Attention and Possible Roles for CFS" and the document CFS 2016/43/INF/19 Rev.1 "Agenda and Format for the Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition";
- b) Welcomed the Forum as a first opportunity for all stakeholders to exchange views and practical experience on the challenges, opportunities and positive outcomes that they have seen as a result of more integrated rural-urban approaches;
- c) Recognized the importance of understanding the major trends and drivers of the changing rural-urban dynamics and their implications for global food security and nutrition in order to adopt appropriate policies;
- d) Discussed some of the areas for policy attention including, among others: food access, lack of diverse diets, consumption patterns and nutrition, poverty, youth, migration, marginalization of vulnerable groups, gender equality and women's empowerment,

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innovation, integrated and holistic approaches, data, climate change, land and natural resources, and lack of infrastructure and services;

e) Recalling para 35 of the CFS MYPoW for 2016-2017 and building on the Forum's discussions and the outcomes of Habitat III, requested the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Urbanization and Rural Transformation to meet in 2017 to agree on a process to compile experiences and effective policy approaches for addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics;

f) Encouraged the OEWG on MYPoW, as it continues its work elaborating priorities for CFS activities in the biennium 2018-2019, to consider whether to include an HLPE report on urbanization and rural transformation while taking into account the workload of CFS and the available resources.

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