

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting

Date: 20 July 2017

Mexico Room, FAO, 09.30-12.30 and 14.00-17.00

CFS 44 – Draft decision

URBANIZATION, RURAL TRANSFORMATION AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee:
 - a) Expresses its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Urbanization, rural transformation and implications for food security and nutrition, chaired by H.E. Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands);
 - b) Recalling para 32 e) of the CFS 43 Final report, acknowledges the compilation of experiences and effective policy approaches contained in the document CFS 2017/44/6 *“Addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics: experiences and effective policy approaches”* as an informative exercise to help develop a common understanding of issues among CFS stakeholder and lay the basis for informed CFS policy convergence and coordination work;
 - c) Takes note of the thematic areas identified in the document as entry points to addressing food security and nutrition in the context of rural-urban linkages and of the key messages and policy implications emerging from the review of the experiences;
 - d) Takes note of the outcomes of the OEWG discussions, particularly of the areas identified by Members and Participants as requiring further attention: the food security and nutrition impacts of urbanization and rural transformation on the most vulnerable and lower income groups (smallholders, landless, net food buyers, informal sector traders, low income urban consumers) and how to address them and their root causes; promoting youth and women engagement and employment in food systems across the rural-urban continuum including linking producers to markets; the development of a vision for food systems; local and regional governance of food security and nutrition and the role of small/intermediate cities;
 - e) Agrees CFS should continue its work in 2018 to carry out further exploratory work through two intersessional events in order to assess the feasibility of and, if feasible, work towards policy convergence to support governments and other stakeholders at the national and local level in addressing food security and nutrition within the context of changing rural-urban dynamics as elaborated in paras xyz of the 2018-2019 CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW).