

CFS OEWG-Monitoring #2

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Location: Lebanon Room, FAO (Building D, 2nd Floor)

Draft proposal: Monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products and other CFS policy recommendations

The OEWG is expected to agree on the following:

- Proposal for monitoring CFS main policy products [para. 5-8 and 12]
- Proposal for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations [para. 14-17]
- Multiyear schedule for holding GTE [para. 9-11]
- Preparation of the next GTE [para.18-19]

Background

1. At CFS 43 in October 2016, the Committee recommended that the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Monitoring continues its work in 2017 to agree on how to continue monitoring the implementation of CFS products on a regular basis, drawing lessons from the first Global Thematic Event (GTE) held at CFS 43^{1,2}.
2. CFS Plenary also endorsed at CFS 43 the *“Terms of Reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations through organizing events at national, regional and global levels”* (TORs)³ that will serve as a framework for CFS stakeholders to contribute inputs to GTEs through country-owned and country-led events.
3. The OEWG expressed its satisfaction with the CFS 43 GTE and its support to continue to organize GTEs during plenaries for taking stock of experiences and good practices concerning the use and application of CFS products. Areas of improvement included:
 - More time to prepare for the events, allowing interaction with stakeholders at national and regional levels in line with the approach recommended in the TORs endorsed in October 2016. This will require establishing a multiyear planning for GTEs.
 - Focus of monitoring not only on the main policy products but also on other CFS policy recommendations that are relevant to the global agenda.
 - A more participatory approach for the preparation of the GTEs.

1. Monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products

¹ CFS 2016/43, Para 25.

² The objectives of the GTE were to:

- Foster the adoption, adaptation and scaling up of good practices and learning from experience in the application of the VGGT;
- Monitor progress in implementing the VGGT at national, regional and global levels; and
- Increase awareness and understanding of the VGGT.

³ CFS 2016/43, Para 25.

4. As at March 2017, there were five CFS main policy products of which four are considered for monitoring, as the OEWG recognized that the Global Strategic Framework (GSF) could not be monitored as a single product:
 - The Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security (RtF) endorsed in 2004;
 - The Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT) endorsed in 2012;
 - The Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems (RAI) endorsed in 2014; and
 - The Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (FFA) endorsed in 2015.
5. Monitoring will focus on the main policy products, in line with CFS Plenary decision. Some of the other policy recommendations however have direct relevance to the main policy products **and it is proposed to adopt a thematic approach** (instead of focusing exclusively on the main products) by **clustering selected relevant CFS recommendations around the main policy products**.
6. The call for inputs, which will be issued to request countries and regions to document their experiences in implementing the main policy product, will also highlight the other policy recommendations that are most relevant to the main policy product being monitored, asking stakeholders to indicate whether they have implemented any of these recommendations. The call for inputs, including the selection of the policy recommendations that are relevant to the main policy product, will be prepared by the Secretariat with support from the TTT. The experiences and good practices that will be reported for clustered policy recommendations will complement those identified for the main policy product in the report analyzing the submissions. The full list of CFS policy recommendations is provided in **Annex 1**.
7. The TORs foresee that countries will take the lead in organizing multistakeholder events with possible support from the Rome-based Agencies (RBA) or other CFS stakeholders. National actors, who plan to organize national or regional events to prepare for the GTE and review progress in achieving national objectives in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, might approach partners for technical and financial support. CFS stakeholders are encouraged to promote the events and assist in organizing them.

Frequency for Global Thematic Events

8. It is proposed to **hold a GTE every two years**, which allows sufficient time for carrying out a comprehensive stocktaking exercise with the involvement of countries and regions, in line with the guidance provided in the TORs. The results of the national and regional events will inform the preparation of the GTE.

Sequence for Global Thematic Events

9. The year of endorsement of the CFS main products will be the main criteria to establish the GTE sequence for the first monitoring cycle but then other criteria could be taken into account as all main products would be mature (such as relevance to the global agenda, anniversaries and other milestones events, etc.).

10. It is proposed to focus the next GTEs on RAI and FFA to **complete the first cycle of monitoring**, taking into account the fact that RtF and VGGT have already undergone a stocktaking exercises in 2014 and 2016 respectively⁴.

11. The following multi-year schedule will allow completing the first monitoring cycle by 2020:

2018	2020
RAI	FFA

Preparation of Global Thematic Events in Plenary

12. The call for inputs to countries and regions will be issued in March of the year before the Plenary to provide sufficient time for comprehensive stocktaking with the involvement of countries and regions. For instance, the call for inputs for the GTE of CFS 47 in October 2020 will be issued in March 2019.

2. Monitoring the implementation of other CFS policy recommendations

13. The decision to monitor specific policy recommendations will be taken by the Bureau⁵, in consultation with the Advisory Group, considering the relevance and potential contribution of monitoring these recommendations to the global food security and nutrition agenda and resource availability⁶. Contributions are intended to promote CFS and the implementation of CFS recommendations. The policy recommendations that are monitored to support the preparation of the CFS annual contribution to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) will be reviewed as part of the dedicated preparation process.

14. Experiences and good practices in implementing the selected CFS policy recommendations will be shared during events that will be organized during the Plenary week (within Plenary e.g. through panel discussions or aside Plenary e.g. through one-day side events devoted to the monitoring of the selected recommendations) or during the intersessional period, depending *inter alia* on specific objectives and the timeframe for contributing to the global agenda.

15. The process for the preparation of the event for monitoring the selected policy recommendations will be lighter than for the main policy products. There will be no call for inputs to countries and regions. The experiences in implementing the selected policy recommendations that will be shared during the event will be identified with the support of member countries and TTT members who will draw from their organizations' respective expertise and professional networks, ensuring participation, inclusiveness and regional representation.

⁴ A stock taking exercise of RtF was carried out at CFS 41 in October 2014 (Ten-year Retrospective on the Right to Food Guidelines) and the first Global Thematic Event at CFS 43 in October 2016 focused on the VGGT.

⁵ As part of the role of the Bureau in preparing for the Plenary sessions and facilitating intersessional work.

⁶ The decision should also take into consideration the fact that, as underlined during the 14-15 April 2014 workshop: "*Towards Assessing CFS Effectiveness*", all CFS policy products are important but not all policy recommendations are suited to on-the-ground implementation. Some are too general and high level and would not be suitable for monitoring (Workshop Report, p.13).

16. The selected experiences will be briefly documented in a background document before the event. The conclusions of the event will be included in the Plenary Report or in a separate document if the event was organized during the intersessional period.

3. Preparation of the next Global Thematic Event in plenary at CFS 45 in October 2018⁷

17. The call for inputs to prepare for the CFS 45 GTE is planned to be issued in July 2017, considering that the Bureau has to endorse the main policy product proposed by the OEWG for CFS 45 in May 2017 and a TTT has to be formed and provide inputs for the preparation of the call for inputs.

18. Proposed steps are the following:

- The Bureau endorses the theme proposed by the OEWG and requests the Secretariat to appoint a TTT, with relevant expertise from the Advisory Group constituencies, to support the preparation of the GTE at CFS 45 (**8 May 2017**)
- The CFS Secretariat, with support from the TTT to carry out activities (i), (iii) and (iv):
 - (i) Prepare the call for inputs to countries and regions, for the main policy product and clustered policy recommendations (by end of **June 2017**)
 - (ii) Issue the call for inputs (open from **July to November 2017**)
 - (iii) Draft a report with the analysis of the submissions (by **end of April 2018**)
 - (iv) Develop the outline of the Plenary event (by **end of April 2018**)
 - (v) Prepare for the GTE (**May-July 2018**)
 - (vi) Hold the Global Thematic Event (**October 2018**)

Activities	Schedule
(i) Prepare the call for inputs	June 2017
(ii) Issue the call for inputs	July to November 2017
(iii) Draft a report with the analysis of the submissions	April 2018
(iv) Develop the outline of the Plenary event	April 2018
(v) Prepare for the GTE	May-July 2018
(vi) Hold the GTE	October 2018

19. The work of the OEWG, as mandated by CFS 43 Plenary, will end with the endorsement by CFS 44 Plenary of this document which presents the framework for monitoring the main CFS policy products and the other CFS policy recommendations, unless the OEWG is assigned a new task by CFS 44 Plenary.

20. The preparation of the GTEs in plenary and of the other events for monitoring CFS policy recommendations during the plenary week or the intersessional periods will be under the overall purview of the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group (wording to be aligned with 2018-19 MYPoW)

⁷ This section will be eliminated in the document for the Plenary.

Annex 1: List of CFS policy recommendations:

1. Land tenure and international investments in agriculture (CFS 37: 2011)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
2. Price volatility and food security (CFS 37: 2011)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
3. Gender, food security and nutrition (CFS 37: 2011)
[Policy Recommendations](#)
4. How to increase food security and smallholder sensitive investments in agriculture (CFS 37: 2011)
[Policy Recommendations](#)
5. Social protection for food security (CFS 39: 2012)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
6. Food security and climate change (CFS 39: 2012)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
7. Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security (CFS 40: 2013)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
8. Biofuels and food security (CFS 40: 2013)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
9. Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition (CFS 41, 2014)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
10. Food Losses and Waste in the Context of Sustainable Food Systems (CFS 41, 2014)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
11. Water for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS 42, 2015)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)
12. Connecting Smallholders to Markets (CFS 43, 2016)
[Policy Recommendations](#)
13. Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition: what roles for livestock? (CFS 43, 2016)
[Policy Recommendations](#) | [HLPE Report](#)