

CSM Draft Contributions to the CFS OEWG on Monitoring, 18 May 2017

Draft Agenda:

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On Agenda item 2: Proposal for monitoring the implementation of CFS main policy products and other CFS policy recommendations (*for agreement*)

a) Regrading GTE 2018:

CSM suggests:

- to dedicate the GTE in 2018 to the monitoring of the use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines for the Right to Adequate Food;
- to initialize national monitoring events according to the endorsed "*Terms of reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations through organizing events at national, regional and global levels*";
- to prepare the GTE in 2018 in line with the above ToR. Its outcomes need to be reflected in the CFS 45 Final Report, in recognition of the importance of this exercise for the effective use and application of CFS policy outcomes.

b) The Future of the OEWG on Monitoring

The OEWG on monitoring is an ongoing exercise of the CFS which needs to continue its work during the next biennium. Its objectives, scope and process will be further discussed under agenda item 4, but the fundamental role of the OEWG on monitoring which will continue to provide guidance to the CFS monitoring work, needs to be included into the document discussed under agenda item 2.

c) On a proposal for stocktaking events on CFS policy recommendations

Topics of stocktaking events on CFS policy recommendation should be defined by the OEWG with more flexibility on an ad-hoc basis. Selection of topics could be linked to the topics of the annual SDG review process.

Proposed topic for 2019: Food security and climate change (CFS 39: 2012)

Rationale: CFS contribution to the global agenda since the topic will be tackled by the HLPF in 2019.

Option 1: Intersessional stocktaking event

- The TTT prepares for the OEWG on monitoring 1) a list of resource persons/experts (government officials, academics/HLPE members, CSO representatives, private sector, UN officials) on the topic and 2) a list of questions in order to assess the use and application of the respective CFS recommendation.

- The OEWG discusses the TTT inputs in order to 1) appoint the chair of the event and a group of 4-5 resource persons for a panel; and to 2) define the questions according to which the resource persons should prepare their inputs.
- An intersessional stocktaking event is held in the alternate years to the GTEs.
- After the event, the TTT prepares for the OEWG a draft summary with the key insights presented and discussed during the stocktaking event. The OEWG discusses the draft and finalizes it for submitting it to CFS plenary.

Option 2: Stocktaking in CFS side-events

- Three side-event slots (one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening) on the first or second day of CFS plenary shall be reserved for stocktaking events in the alternate years to GTEs.
- The TTT prepares for the OEWG on monitoring a list of questions in order to assess the use and application of the respective CFS recommendation. The OEWG discusses and agrees on the questions.
- CFS members and participants organize side-events to assess the use and application of the CFS recommendations selected for that session addressing the questions put by the OEWG.
- Each side-event prepares a summary of key insights to be presented and discussed in a CFS plenary session chaired by the OEWG chair.

On Agenda item 3: Proposal for the preparation of the Global Thematic Event (for agreement)

The OEWG will provide guidance to the preparation process. This needs to be included in the proposal.

The Secretariat will work under the guidance of the OEWG and with support of the TTT.

Agenda item 4: Way forward for the OEWG on Monitoring

Proposals on the scope, objectives, expected outcomes and process of the OEWG on monitoring over the next biennium

Introductory considerations: The OEWG on Monitoring was established in CFS 39 (paragraph 25, CFS 2012/39/11).¹ In this document, the OEWG on Monitoring was not included as CFS workstream with precise outputs and activities within a specific biennium but as standing alone part of MYPoW. Indeed, this MYPoW document was structured according to the six roles of the CFS adopted since its reform. In this sense, having a standing alone chapter VII on Monitoring and Evaluation in this document points to the understanding that the work on monitoring needs to be ongoing and that this work corresponds to one of the six roles of the CFS related to “Promote accountability and share best practices at all levels.” (CFS:2009/2 Rev. 2, paragraph 6ii).

The OEWG on monitoring is an ongoing exercise of the CFS which needs to continue its work during the intersessional period, especially to foster the connection and coherence between the monitoring

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25. The CFS work on monitoring and evaluation will be further developed with the OEWG on Monitoring (Ref CFS 2012/39/11). This will include how to measure the success of the CFS reform process. One proposal is to evaluate the success of the CFS work once every two biennia, based on outcome indicators and the results of the CFS activities. The evaluation report should be presented at the CFS session closing the 4-year period and related recommendations used to update and possibly reframe the MYPoW and subsequent workstreams.

exercise on the national, regional and global level, as an essential contribution to an effective use and application of CFS policy outcomes.

Scope of the OEWG on Monitoring

As defined by previous CFS decisions related to monitoring, the scope of the OEWG includes a range of issues:

- the need for CFS to respond to the CFS reform document's call for an "innovative mechanism" (CFS 2012/39/9); reiterated in CFS 2014/41/11, CFS 2015/42
- the conduct of periodic assessments of the CFS effectiveness in improving policy frameworks especially at country level (CFS 2013/40); the conduct of an opinion survey on CFS effectiveness (CFS 2014/41/11);
- to complement the opinion survey of CFS stakeholders with the implementation of in-depth country level assessments on a voluntary basis (CFS 2014/41/11);
- to continue to share their experiences and best practices, and to explore and promote ways to organize events (CFS 2014/41/11); to develop basic terms of reference of these events to ensure participation, inclusiveness and regional representation in these events (CFS 2015/42). CFS 43 endorsed the terms of reference (CFS 2016/43/7) that provides guidance on sharing experiences and good practices in implementing CFS decisions and recommendations, as a contribution to the incremental development of an innovative monitoring mechanism. These terms of reference also serve as a framework for food security and nutrition stakeholders to contribute to global thematic events that are planned to be organized on a regular basis within CFS Plenary Sessions for taking stock of the use and application of CFS decisions and recommendations, starting with CFS major, strategic and catalytic products.
- To hold a Global Thematic Event during the CFS 43 Plenary to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the VGGT.

Objectives

- to ensure in an inclusive and participatory way, open to CFS stakeholders, that the preparation of the Global Thematic Events and of the events organized for monitoring other CFS policy recommendations during the plenary week or the intersessional periods is done according to the terms of reference endorsed by CFS 43;
- to provide an ongoing learning space for monitoring and implementation of CFS policies;
- to consolidate the CFS mechanism to monitor its decisions and recommendations by compiling all elements agreed in a single document and by ensuring coherence in their future application.

Expected outcomes

- Increased understanding on how to improve the use and application of the policies of the upcoming GTEs;
- Increased visibility of the CFS innovative monitoring mechanism.

On Agenda item 5: Draft decisions for Plenary (for agreement)

See comments on draft decision box attached.