

CSM Advisory Group
Draft Contributions to the Joint Meeting of the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group,
8 July 2016

Agenda Item 1: CFS 43 Draft Decisions

1c) Decision Box on Smallholders to Markets:

The CSM Working Group that participated in the negotiations, has seen the result of the negotiations as generally positive. A more specific assessment is still under way.

Regarding the decision box, the CSM generally supports the proposed text, but suggests to improve the description of the follow-up to the policy recommendations by introducing the following language to the paragraph d)

d) encourages all stakeholders to document experiences and lessons from using these recommendations and requests the CFS ~~MYPOW OEWG~~ to consider in a future **plenary session** ~~work programme~~ inclusion of a stock-taking event, subject to available resources, to share lessons and assess **progress in the use and application** ~~continued relevance, effectiveness and impact~~ of the recommendations;

These changes would make clear that a future plenary session would include a stock-taking event on the use and application of the recommendations. There is no need to include a suggestion for a new workstream into the future MYPOW. The decision to include a stock-taking event can be taken within the annual planning of the CFS Plenary in the regular meetings of the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group.

Two additional remarks:

- we believe that interpretation during CFS negotiations is fundamental. The lack of interpretation provided by the CFS, as experienced during these negotiations, should not be repeated.
- The new methodology for negotiations, as applied during the negotiations on smallholders to markets, should be carefully evaluated, before applied in another occasion.