

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

Agenda Item 4: Monitoring

4a): Monitoring Draft Decision and 4b): Monitoring Terms of Reference

The CSM appreciates the work done by the OEWG on monitoring and welcomes the draft decision box as well as the Terms of Reference. The CSM regards these Terms of Reference as an important first step in incrementally building the long expected CFS monitoring mechanism. The CSM expresses its commitment to promote the organization of monitoring events at national and regional levels according to the Terms of Reference that CFS 43 will adopt. The CSM encourages other CFS actors, particularly CFS members to plan for holding this kind of monitoring events in 2017. The CSM also invites the CFS to think about the theme and date of the next global monitoring event to be held during a CFS Plenary.

Agenda Item 5: VGGT – Multi-stakeholder stocktaking dialogue

The CSM thanks the CFS Secretariat for organizing the first Global Thematic Event on VGGT as decided by CFS 42 (C 2017/19, paragraph 35 h) using the agreed Terms of Reference by the OEWG on monitoring.

The CSM WG calls the Bureau to change the title of the event from “VGGT – Multi-stakeholder stocktaking dialogue” to “Global Thematic Event on VGGT”. Global thematic event is the denomination used in the decision of CFS 42 as well as in the Terms of Reference. Putting a different title to this event would disconnect it from the mandate given by CFS 42 and from the Terms of Reference and the efforts to incrementally build a CFS monitoring mechanism.

The CSM proposes that the revised version of the event outline explicitly includes in section 3 on the way forward the following questions:

- 1) how to continue monitoring the implementation of VGGT on a regular basis; and
- 2) what could be the topic of the next CFS global thematic event and when should it be hold?

In order to seriously continue establishing the monitoring and learning function of the CFS, the holding of global thematic events need to be regular and include all the CFS major decisions. We call on member states to discuss about these two questions during the upcoming VGGT global thematic event.

Regarding our own contribution to this event:

We are pleased to inform the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group that the CSM Monitoring Working Group is currently finalizing a broad civil society report on the use and the application of the VGGT, which has been produced with collaboration of small-scale food producers and other civil society organizations around the globe. We expect to be given the due time and space for presenting this report to the Plenary during the monitoring session on the VGGT. For this reason, our contribution to the panel better fits into the category global and not regional. We kindly request to change the geographical coverage of our speaker from regional to global.

We have been informed by the Secretariat that our report will be posted as background document to CFS 43. We highly appreciate this and invite all CFS members and participants to engage with our report.