

OEWG on Urbanization and Rural Transformation (09:30 – 12:30, 03.02.2017, Iraq room)

Speaking points CSM WG

Key issues to be addressed	CSM speaking points	When it should be brought up (# of agenda point)?
General vision – what we want from the work stream to come out?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ CSM believes that the topic of the work stream is extremely important.</li> <li>✓ Rural areas stewarded by peasants, pastoralists and small scale fishers, as well as indigenous territories, have not only always been main providers of culturally appropriate food to the world, but also the sources of agricultural biodiversity, locally bread varieties, as well as the centers of knowledge related to local ecosystems.</li> <li>✓ The great shift in the history of mankind, called by this work stream as a “rural transformation”, is caused together with other reasons mainly by external factors and city centered policy approaches.</li> <li>✓ Therefore the CSM believes that the CFS can best add value to work stream by taking a systems approach to the issue, integrating the rural vision, listening to the voices of the rural people and exploring the potential of rural areas through innovative approaches such as agroecology and local food systems.</li> <li>✓ For us, one of the main questions to be answered by the work stream is - <b>How to do RT without dismantling peasant agriculture?</b></li> </ul>	<p>#3 Call for submissions and submission template or                      #4 Next steps or                      #5 AOB</p>
Possible influence of MYPOW decision on upcoming HLPE reports for the next biennium on the role and work of the UR&RT work stream	<p>The CSM has been advocating for having a comprehensive political process and a policy relevant outcome document on this workstream, adapted to the needs and built upon the participation of all actors.</p> <p>Now, we can see that the proposal for an HLPE report has received substantial support from CFS members and participants, being ranked second after the proposal on agroecology which has received the highest support in the CFS ranking exercise.</p> <p>CSM believes that the highest priority for an HLPE report has agroecology. However, in case there is the possibility of a second HLPE report in 2019, it might be interesting to have also an HLPE report on UR&amp;RT. In case that UR&amp;RT is addressed by HLPE in the next biennium based on the decision made MYPOW OEWG, we would have to reconsider the format of this workstream in 2017 and adjust the process towards an outcome that would provide a substantial input into a future HLPE report.</p>	<p>#3 Call for submissions and submission template or                      #4 Next steps</p>
Comments to the content for the call for submissions	<p><b>1. Thematic areas: Health dimension</b> is missing in the explanatory part of the thematic area “sustainability” - only addressing health issues from the nutrition perspective is not</p>	<p>#3 Call for submissions and</p>

and submission template	<p>sufficient as it lefts out the whole range of the problems related to existing food systems as water and soil pollution, contamination of food products, and water table but also dust bowls, water scarcity etc..</p> <p><b>2. Selection criteria and template:</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b> In general it is not quite clear if the criteria listed in the text are obligatory or additional and how they will be used in the selection process by the TTT. For e.g. second criteria has to be naturally obligatory, first criteria is also described as an obligatory in the first part of the document and not fully clear how it will be about two other criteria;</p> <p><b>2.2</b> With regards to the criteria „<b>Adversity</b>“ - in general CSM wants to collect the case studies regardless their positive results, as failed policies are food for thought and improvement in the future. So, we propose to some specific changes in wording. The sentence would then read as follows: “Adversity: the extent to which the experience/policy presents lessons (positive and negative) on how <b>gaps, obstacles</b> and other adverse conditions (administrative, economic, political etc.) <b>were addressed</b>. (delete the final words “were overcome”). This proposal would strengthen the attention on gaps and obstacles, and also include the way who they were addressed.</p> <p><b>2.3 Template for submissions:</b> – in the last part, the last sub-items that speak on key changes and challenges, we suggest to stop these sentences after: “key changes” and “Challenges faced”: this is to also underline that the cases to be documented should include the positive and the negative experiences, the successes and the gaps.</p>	submission template
Technical issues	<p>1. <b>Possibility to submit the case studies on experiences and effective policy approaches in all UN languages</b> should be discussed if we want full scale participation especially from the developing countries. Translating templates in all UN languages is not a problem but it should be ensured that also the submitted documents are translated for the revision of the TTT (to bring the example of importance to have Chinese CSA experience shared).</p> <p>2. <b>Timeline constraints for call for submissions:</b> if we want effective participation of all stakeholders and constituencies, this might require giving more time for this step and going beyond 15 March</p>	#5 AOB