

CFS Bureau meeting

Date: 21 November 2017

Red Room, FAO, 14:00 – 16:00

Bureau Meeting Outcomes

Agenda

1. Feedback on CFS44
2. CFS workplans:
 - a. Evaluation
 - b. Nutrition
 - c. Urbanization
 - d. SDGs
 - e. Monitoring
3. Dates of Bureau and Advisory Group meetings
4. Update on CFS budget
5. Any other business

The Provisional Agenda was approved. Bureau Members agreed that Alternate Members were allowed to intervene as appropriate.

1. Feedback on CFS44:

The Chair recalled the in depth and fruitful discussion with the Advisory Group, which would inform preparations for CFS 45. Bureau Members did not have additional comments.

2. CFS workplans:

a) Evaluation

Bureau Members entrusted the co-facilitators to lead and guide the evaluation process, especially on the number of meetings to be held and the concrete results to deliver as discussions progress. It was noted that there would not be any changes to the workplan at the moment, in view of further discussion on the evaluation process to be held at the evaluation meeting scheduled on 23 November 2017.

b) Nutrition

Bureau Members were informed that FAO will cover part of the costs for the translation of the HLPE report on Nutrition and Food Systems (ex post updates: in the following days further funding has been produced by Monaco and WHO). The Bureau agreed to include in the workplan of Nutrition the possibility for the OEWG in February to discuss whether to organize intersessional events on nutrition in support of the policy convergence work, pending availability of resources and a manageable workload.

c) Urbanization

Bureau Members agreed on the workplan of Urbanization, without any change.

d) SDGs

Bureau Members agreed on the workplan and requested that the agenda of the Open Meeting includes a discussion on the preparation and outcomes of negotiations leading to the HLPF to consolidate links between Rome and New York. Bureau Members also agreed that the Open Meeting could usefully discuss the format and programme of the SDG lesson sharing session in CFS 45 to support the finalization of the agenda by the Bureau and Advisory Group.

e) Monitoring

It was agreed that discussion on whether to monitor the use and application of other CFS policy recommendations in the next intersessional period would be included in the agenda of the only Open-Ended Working Group meeting scheduled on 15 June 2018. This would be reflected in the workplan of Monitoring. In relation to budgetary implications, the importance of prioritization and having concrete outcomes was emphasized, and it was noted that there was currently no budget allocated for an ad hoc monitoring event, which would be subject to resource availability.

3. Dates of Bureau and Advisory Group meetings:

The proposed CFS calendar and preliminary agendas of Bureau and Advisory Group meetings was agreed.

4. Update on CFS budget:

Bureau Members did not have additional comments or questions.

5. Any other business:

Italy asked for clarification on participation at the Friends of the Chair meeting of 23 November 2017. The Chair clarified that the FoC meeting will be open and all members and participants will be allowed to speak.

Annex 1: List of attendees

CFS Bureau Members:

Mr Mario Arvelo (CFS Chair / Dominican Republic); Ms Fernanda Mansur Tansini (Brazil); Ms Jiani Tian (China); Mr Luis Fernando Ceciliano (Costa Rica); Mr Khaled El-Taweel (Egypt); Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa, Mr Tarekegn Tsegie Haile (Ethiopia); Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain Hamid Alamain (Sudan); Ms Esti Andayani (Indonesia); Ms Valentina Savastano (Italy); Ms Anna Marie Moulton (South Africa); Ms Emily Katkar (USA).

CFS Bureau Alternates:

Ms Francesca De Cristofaro (Argentina); Ms Mi Nguyen (Canada); Mr Oliver Mellenthin, Mr Jakob Weinrautner (Germany); Ms Diana Calderón Valle (Peru).

Observers:

Ms Lotta Virolainen, Ms Tanja Rajamak (Finland); Ms Marlene Pra, Ms Delphine Babin-Pelliard (France); Mr Wierish Ramsoekh, Ms Anne Verdschoor (Netherlands); Ms Julia Vicioso, Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva, Ms María Laureano, Mr Paul Besana (Dominican Republic); Ms Clara Victoria Jusdado Serrano (Spain).

CFS Secretariat:

Ms Deborah Fulton (Secretary); Ms Françoise Trine; Mr Giammichele Di Maio; Ms Chiara Cirulli; Ms Cherin Hoon; Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Mr Fabio Isoldi; Ms Ophélie Hémonin; Ms Alessandra Gherardelli.