

Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems – Follow-up

As per 2018-19 CFS MYPoW, the HLPE was requested to launch the report on “*Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems*” by March 2019. This request was made in order to “*give enough time to CFS stakeholders to analyze and review the evidence presented to draw lessons from those innovative approaches that contribute to food security and nutrition and sustainable agriculture and food systems*” (2018-19 MYPoW, para. 63). Plans were to finalize policy discussions and have policy recommendations endorsed at CFS 46 in October 2019.

The report is now planned to be launched by end of June 2019 and the Bureau is requested, after consultation with the Advisory Group, to decide on the timeframe for the policy convergence process. It is proposed to postpone policy discussions to after CFS 46, considering the recent experience with the HLPE report on Forestry that was launched in June 2017 and policy recommendations endorsed in October 2017. Time was then found too tight to fully discuss the issues during the policy convergence process leading to the following plenary recommendation: “**CFS recommended that in the future, more time is allowed for the CFS policy convergence process following the launch of the HLPE reports**” [para. 21 of CFS 2017/44 Final Report].

The issue of translation should also be considered. By launch time, the report will be available in English and the summary and recommendations will be available in all languages. If the translation of the full report in all languages is requested before starting the policy convergence process, then the process cannot start before September 2019.

A specific proposal for the follow-up process will be prepared as soon as the Bureau decides on the timeframe of the policy convergence process. If the decision is to postpone policy discussions to after CFS 46, then a proposal will be prepared and submitted to CFS 46 for endorsement and a placeholder will be included in the draft MYPoW 2020-2023.

Note: the resources for translating the report and conducting the negotiation process (5-day session and translation) are available.