



CSM Update Jan//Feb 2018

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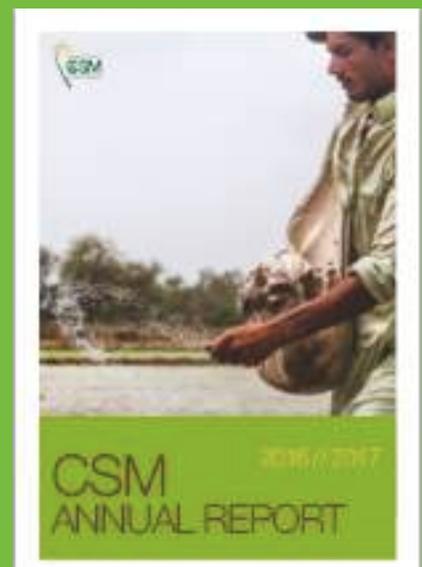
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1. UPDATES ON CFS PROCESSES



Meeting on CFS Evaluation of 19 January: discussions about the future role of countries, monitoring, communication and HLPE within the CFS

On January 19, the first CFS meeting of the year took place to finalize the debate on the responses to the last set of recommendations of the [CFS Evaluation](#). The meeting aimed at discussing Recommendation 7 on the role of countries to improve CFS, Recommendation 10 on developing an overarching monitoring framework, Recommendation 11 on Responsibilities for communication and activities, Recommendation 12 on dissemination and use of the HLPE reports, Recommendation 13 on updates on HLPE work to the Bureau and Advisory Group and Recommendation 14 on review of HLPE process on calling for experts. Please find the CFS background document for this meeting at this [link](#) and [here](#) the CSM Contributions to this topic.

CFS evaluation Meeting on the future strategic orientation of the CFS, 24 January

On January 24, the first meeting on the implementation phase of the responses to the [CFS Evaluation](#) recommendations took place. The debate focused on Recommendation 1 and 2 concerning the strategic component of the next Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) and related criteria and structure of the MYPoW itself. Please find [here](#) CFS background document and [here](#) the CSM Contribution to the meeting. The Co-facilitators of the process, Germany and China, invited CFS members and participants to submit written proposals and comments on the Strategic Objectives of the next MYPoW. Please find [here](#) the additional CSM written contributions as submitted on February 5th.

CFS Advisory Group and Bureau Meeting 31 January: debates on the CFS 45 Plenary agenda, upcoming events on Urbanization and Rural Transformation, follow-up to CFS policy recommendations on forestry

On January 31st the [CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting](#) took place. The [Agenda](#) of the meeting foresaw discussions on several items such as: the first draft of the agenda and timetable of the CFS 45th Plenary Session week; the debate on the [draft of the concept note](#) for the first inter-sessional event on Urbanization and Rural transformation; the follow-up of the policy recommendations on Forestry; a [CFS budget update](#); and a debate on the outcomes of the CFS Advisory Group reporting exercise. Concerning the draft agenda and timetable for the CFS 45 Plenary week, a substantial debate took place as the draft timetable submitted for discussion aimed to reserve the most visible and high-level segment of the week (15-16 October) to an FAO event including the celebration of the World Food Day, which would then reduce the 45th CFS Plenary week to a session from Wednesday and to Saturday (17-21 October). The CSM challenged this planning which would undermine the CFS and urged the CFS to seek the best synergy and collaboration possible. Please read [here](#) the CSM positions on this topic and the rest of CSM contributions on the agenda items and [here](#) related the outcomes of the subsequent CFS Bureau meeting.





CFS evaluation meeting on the role and composition of the CFS Advisory Group, 5 February

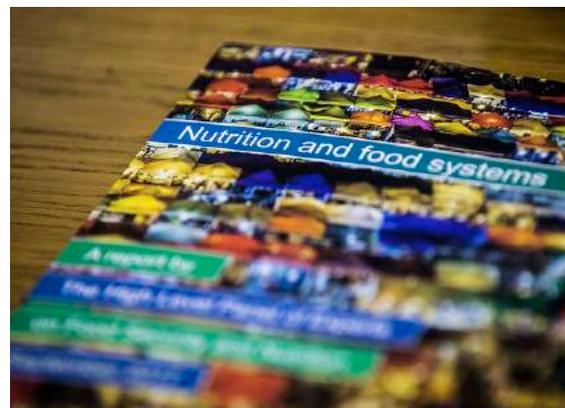
The meeting held on February 5 aimed at debating the implementation of the CFS response on Recommendation 4 on the [role and composition of the CFS Advisory Group](#). This debate followed a set of [guiding questions](#) prepared by the two co-facilitators, Germany and China. Please find here the [CSM contributions](#) to the debate and the [CFS outcomes](#) of the discussion as formulated by the two co-facilitators. The Bureau also decided to hold a retreat on 19th of March, to further discuss the [CFS evaluation](#) action plan on several recommendations, including recommendation 4. The CFS Bureau will have to re-appoint its Advisory Group for the rest of the biennium by end of March 2018, but the date for such Bureau meeting has not been announced yet.

HLPE e-consultation on the zero draft of the Report on Multi-stakeholder partnerships for financing food security and nutrition

During its 43rd Plenary Session (17-21 October 2016), the CFS requested the HLPE to produce a report on “Multi-stakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda” to be presented at CFS 45 Plenary session in October 2018. It is not yet clear if a policy convergence process will follow-up after the presentation of the Report. The CSM has asked in the last Advisory Group and Bureau meeting that a decision on this matter should be taken during the dedicated session of CFS 45 Plenary week. As part of its report elaboration process, as usual, [the HLPE launched an e-consultation](#) to seek inputs, suggestions, and comments on the [zero draft of the Report](#) (only available in English). The newly established CSM WG on Global Food Governance submitted [its collective comment](#) on 19th of February. Visit the [new page](#) on the CSM Website!

Updates on the HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems

Finally, the full translation of the [HLPE Report on Nutrition and Food Systems](#) into the six UN languages could be secured thanks to the additional funds given by Switzerland and Monaco. The full report translated into Spanish, French, Arabic, Russian, and Chinese will be available at the end of February. The first meeting of the OEWG on [Nutrition](#) is foreseen on 28 of March and will start the debate on the Terms of Reference for the policy convergence process leading to voluntary guidelines for food systems and nutrition for submission to Plenary in CFS 45.



Update on the Monitoring Process of the Right to Food Guidelines

Several countries are preparing or still discussing to hold national monitoring events in the next months. Among them are Brazil, India, Germany, Colombia, Nepal, Portugal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Guinea Bissau, Malawi, Bangladesh, Italy. So far, the CFS deadline set by the CFS Secretariat to receive the inputs from these national and regional events for the Global Thematic Event (GTE) is set for 15 April. We believe that this might be too tight. The data collection and drafting for the CSO independent monitoring report on the Right to Food Guidelines are advancing, and you are all encouraged to [sending your experiences before](#) the 30 of March! In addition, the CSM Monitoring Working Group will hold a Global Consultation in Rome from the 21st to the 23rd of March.

Calendar of CFS Meetings for 2018 as of today

At this [link](#) you will find the current version of the CFS meeting calendar for 2018.

2. UPDATES ON CSM INTERNAL ISSUES

Read online the CSM Annual Report 2016//2017

The new [CSM Annual Report 2016//2017](#) is now online! Have a look to all activities, reports, analysis and outcomes of the CSM Working Groups during

CSM Advisory Group report to the CFS 2017

On December 2017, the CSM Advisory Group submitted its reporting exercise to the CFS. Click [here](#) to read the report!

The two new coordinators of the CSM Women Constituency have been appointed

It is with pleasure that we would like to announce the two new members of the [CSM Coordination Committee](#) for the Women Constituency who have been nominated on January 23rd. We are glad to welcome the renewal of Azra Sayeed from the International Women's Alliance, Pakistan, and Iridiani Seibert from La Via Campesina, Brazil. We would like to also express our gratitude for the commitment and great contributions of the outgoing CC member of the Women Constituency, Sophie Ougutu from the World March of Women!

The CSM evaluation process has started

In January 2018 the CSM evaluation started, based on the [Terms of Reference](#) that had been approved by the CSM Coordination Committee in December. Jessica Duncan (Wageningen University) and Priscilla Claeys (Coventry University) will be in charge of conducting the independent evaluation of the CSM during the coming months. They will reach out to the CSM participating organizations soon with an online survey and also through interviews on skype. Please be encouraged to support this important exercise with your experiences and thoughts!

