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March & April 2019

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Updates on the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 4 March

On the 4th of March, the third meeting of the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau took place and addressed the following items: a) Prioritization debate on the different MYPoW proposals presented during the first open meeting of January; b) Updates on the draft of the CFS 46th Plenary Session agenda; c) A debate on the option paper on how to follow-up the HLPE Report on Multi-stakeholder partnerships, and d) workstream updates. Find at this link the CSM contributions to the meeting and at this link the outcomes and decisions taken during the CFS Bureau meeting of March 6.



More details on the MYPoW and the Multi-stakeholder Partnerships' topics can be found in the third and fourth section of this Update. Concerning the draft agenda of the upcoming CFS Plenary Session, we would like to welcome the inclusion of a key note address of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Ms Hilal Elver, in the SDG section of the first day of the Plenary this year, as well as the agenda item for the celebration of the International Day of Rural Women on October 15 which foresees a key note speech of a representative of rural women, and the inclusion of the kick-off of the UN Decade of Family Farming into the agenda.



Updates from the first OEWG on Food Systems and Nutrition and CSM Public Briefing 7-8 March

On 8 of March, the first OEWG meeting on Food Systems and Nutrition took place. The purpose of the OEWG was to get specific feedback and suggestions on how to improve the Preliminary version of the Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines. Following the meeting, the opportunity to provide written comments was given to CFS members and participants. Please find here the CSM written inputs summarizing the contributions delivered orally during the OEWG. The inputs received will be considered in the preparation of the Zero Draft that is

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planned to be circulated by the beginning of May. The Zero Draft will then be translated in the six UN official languages and presented and discussed during the following consultation process: an OEWG meeting on 30 May 2019, five regional multi-stakeholder consultations planned between July and October, and an e-consultation taking place between June and August. The outcomes of all these consultations will feed into the preparation of the First Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines that is expected to be finalized by the end of 2019.

Please stay tuned and check out [CSM webpage](#) to find out about the dates and venues of the regional consultation, as well as the CSM related processes!

On March 7th the CSM Working Group on Nutrition and Food Systems also held a [public briefing](#) to present its views and expectations towards the process. The public briefing was well attended by CFS members and participants, including the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Hilal Elver, who participated in the panel.



Updates on Multi-stakeholder Partnerships (MSPs)

[An option paper](#) was presented by the Rapporteur of this process, Mr Oliver Mellenthin. The paper features 4 possible follow-up options for this topic, and all of them were debated by the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 4 March. Unfortunately, the CFS Bureau outcomes, confirmed the lack of ambition on this topic and particularly its controversial aspects and therefore agreed that the policy process following the presentation of the Report launched last year, will only foresee a single event during the CFS 46 Plenary Session but no concrete policy outcome. The goal of the event is to offer a space to learn on real challenges faced by MSPs, including power asymmetries, accountability and transaction costs, and draw lessons on practical approaches to address them.

Updates on the HLPE Agroecology and other innovations

The HLPE Report on [Agroecology and other innovations](#) will be launched on the 3rd of July. Executive summary and conclusions in all 6 UN languages will be available from that date, but the full translation of the reports will be only made available from September. The policy convergence process will follow the launch of the report and aim at adopting policy recommendations by the Plenary in 2020. A three-hour session in the upcoming CFS 46th Plenary Session is foreseen to kick off the policy process with an inclusive debate on the HLPE findings and CFS expectations towards the envisaged policy process.

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Updates on the CFS Second open meeting on Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW), 17 of April

On 17 April 2019, the second and last CFS open meeting on the MYPoW took place. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the MYPoW “Zero Draft” and seek feedback from CFS members and participants. In the first open meeting in January, CFS actors had listened to and debated the preliminary proposals, paying particular attention to the rationale, proposed objectives and the expected outcomes. Following the first open meeting, the CFS Bureau decided to drop the proposals on (i) “Water Management for FSN”, and (ii) “Urbanization and Rural Transformation”, as they received insufficient support. The Bureau also noted that a number of the elements outlined in the proposal on “Fostering Farmers’ Access to Innovation” were already included in the



workstream on “Agroecological Practices and Other Innovations” which will commence following CFS 46. In this second open meeting, participants had the opportunity to share views and comments on the “Zero Draft”, to give guidance to the Secretariat for developing the next draft, and to inform the Bureau of respective positions.

The new themes prioritized by the Bureau for CFS policy agenda of 2020-2023 were: a) Women’s empowerment and gender equality; b) Youth employment; c) Inequalities; d) Migration and conflicts. All these topics were considered relevant to CSM Constituencies and therefore they could synergistically and potentially shape a substantial MYPoW that could have a concrete impact on the ground. While the CSM delegation

acknowledged that the workload needs to be discussed and that the workplan has to be feasible, but also stressed that the issues have to be relevant for the CFS but ultimately the CFS has to be relevant for the world!

The next CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting of 3 June will debate and aim to finalize the selection and prioritization process of the first draft of the MYPoW, that will be drafted by the CFS Secretariat based on the debates had in the second open meeting and the written comments received on the zero draft. While it seems quite probable that new workstreams on gender equality and women’s empowerment and on youth employment in food systems will be set included into the upcoming MYPoW, there is a profound concern that the other prioritized themes on inequalities and migration might be dropped.

Find at this [link](#) CSM contributions and written comments and at this [link](#) CFS outcomes of the meeting.

A new CFS Secretary has been appointed

A new CFS Secretary has been appointed: Mr Chris Hegadorn has joined the CFS Secretariat on March 18th. Before taking up this position, he was part of US Diplomatic Missions, such as the one

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at UNESCO and at the RBAs in Rome in the past. He was Director of the Office of Global Food Security of the US State Department and then Founder of the Hegadorn Global Consulting LLC. The CSM welcomed the new Secretary in his first formal CFS meeting and also expressed deep appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing Secretary ad-interim, Mark McGuire, for his work in the past 12 months.

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Upcoming CC meeting in May

From the 7th to the 9th of May the CSM Coordination Committee will meet in Colavecchio (Italy) for its regular strategy and coordination meeting.

New Focal point for the Southern Africa sub-region

A new focal point has been appointed for the Southern African sub-region as one of the main outcomes of the meeting that took place in March. We warmly welcome Usiel Kadji from the Eastern and Southern African Pastoralists Network (ESAPN).