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CFS Process on Urbanization and Rural Transformation

On February 22nd and 23rd 2016 the first CFS Technical Workshop on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and implications for Food Security and Nutrition took place at FAO HQs.

The objective of this Technical Workshop was developing a shared understanding of the key issues related to urbanization and rural transformation with implications for food security and nutrition narrowing down the key areas for CFS to focus on over the course of 2016-2017. See the Agenda, the Guidance Note and the List of Participants.

The Technical Workshop informed the preparation of a Zero Draft Background Document that will be the basis for the CFS 43 Forum Discussion in October. The CSM Working Group on this CFS workstream prepared and submitted its preliminary comments on this first Zero Draft on 6 of April. The Second Technical Workshop will take place on the 7th of June 2016.

OEWG on SDG - CSM contributions and Update

The Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on 24th February was mainly devoted to discuss the first draft of the CFS annotated outline of the proposal for the CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda. Please find here CSM Contributions to the OEWG.

Following to that, the CSM Working Group submitted its written comments to the annotated outline. At this link you will be also able to read the Outcomes of the OEWG prepared by the CFS Secretariat. One of the major points advocated by the CSM Working Group was the establishment of a Task Team, with the inclusion of the CSM. The proposal was accepted and a TTT was established. The CSM Resource person for the Task Team is Stefano Prato from SID.

The TTT met twice to draft the first proposal of the CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which is now finally out and you can find here. The next SDGs OEWG meeting will take place on April 27th. Please consult at this link the related CFS Documents and Agenda.

OEWG on Nutrition Updates

The Nutrition OEWG session took place on the 25th of February at the World Food Program Headquarters. The objective of the meeting was to review the Proposal for CFS work in nutrition.

Read a summary of the CSM interventions here! Find here the documents of the next OEWG on Nutrition that will take place on 29th of April!
OEWG on Monitoring Updates

On March 17th the second and last OEWG on Monitoring took place in the Iraq Room at FAO HQs. The meeting intended to finalise the CFS Draft Terms of Reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations and the Draft Decision box for CFS 43. Read the CSM proposal on the Terms of Reference and the CSM proposal for the decision box. Read the CFS Outcomes of the OEWG and the revised version of the Terms of Reference and Decision Box. The CSM Working Group on Monitoring launched a Call to send inputs for the elaboration of an independent CSM Report on the use and application of the VGGTs. A request for inputs on VGGTs was as well sent out by the CFS Secretariat and circulated through the CSM mailing lists. On May 3 at the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and Central Asia that will take place in Antalya, Turkey a CFS multi-stakeholder dialogue will be hold on Sharing Experiences and taking stock of the use and application of the VGGTs in Europe and Central Asia.

OEWG on MYPoW - CSM contributions and Update

On 18 of March the fist meeting of the OEWG on the Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPoW) took place. The meeting intended to discuss on the initial proposal of the MYPoW prepared by the CFS Secretariat, to have an initial discussion on the themes of the HLPE Reports for the next biennium 2018-2019 and to discuss and approve the OEWG Workplan. Find here CSM contributions to the OEWG meeting. After consultation with the CSM Coordination Committee, the CSM submitted on April 15 its proposals for the HLPE reports for 2018: Agroecology, Genetic Resources and Trade.

CFS Advisory Group and Bureau Meeting – CSM Contributions

On March 31st the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group met. Please read the CSM contributions to the different agenda items here. Further information about the outcomes will be provided soon.
Upcoming Informal Consultation on Connecting Smallholders to Markets

On April 28th the CFS informal consultation on the Zero Draft of the Recommendations on Smallholders to Markets will take place. A CSM delegation of smallholders, consumers, fisherfolks, pastoralists, agricultural workers and indigenous peoples will attend this important first meeting. On April 27 the CSM Working Group on Smallholders to Markets will hold an information session. Find at this link the CSM Preliminary comments on the CFS Zero Draft.

Call to join the MYPoW Working Group

All CSM participating organisations are invited to actively join the CSM Working Group on the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW)! The WG is led by the CSM Advisory Group and open to all interested participating organizations in the CSM. The Coordination Committee of the CSM will soon discuss the process for the consultation in autumn 2016 regarding the MYPOW 2018-2019. If you are interested write to cso4cfs@gmail.com.

Call to join the GSF Working Group

All CSM participating organisations are invited to actively join the renewed CSM Working Group on the Global Strategic Framework (GSF). The GSF was negotiated in 2011-2012. A targeted review of the GSF is foreseen for 2016/2017. If you are interested write to cso4cfs@gmail.com.

Upcoming Coordination Committee meeting in May

During the CC meeting of October 2015 the CSM Coordination Committee decided to hold two meetings in 2016. The upcoming CC meeting will take place on May 10-11-12 in Rome.