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Updates on CFS Sustainable Funding Meeting 9 March
On March 9 the CFS Chair convened an ad hoc meeting inviting CFS members and participants, with the aim of discussing and set next steps for progressively identifying a Sustainable Funding for the CFS to solve its current critical budget gap. Please find here all background materials, the CSM contributions and the outcomes of the meeting. The upcoming Bureau and Advisory Group meeting of 3 May will follow-up on this matter.

Updates on MYPoW – Chair’s proposal for the MYPoW 2018-2019
On March 29th the Chair of the CFS Multi-year Program of Work (MYPoW) Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) submitted his proposal for the CFS MYPoW biennium 2018-2019 that is expected to be endorsed at CFS 44. The Chair presents proposals with regards to the HLPE Report for 2019, including the CSM proposal for Agroecology, and the different proposals for the workstreams to be addressed by CFS in the next biennium. The next meeting of the MYPoW OEWG will take place on 2 May with the aim of discussing the proposal and find a consensus on the way forward. The meeting will also discuss the idea of a longer-term MYPoW.

Updates on Monitoring – OEWG on 6 April
On April 6 the CFS OEWG on Monitoring took place. The main objectives of the meeting were to agree on: a) How CFS should continue monitoring the implementation of its policy outcomes, including the multiyear schedule for Global Thematic Events (GTE), and the steps for the preparation of the next Global Thematic Event at CFS 45 in October 2018; b) Draft decision box for CFS 44 Plenary. Nevertheless, the OEWG couldn’t reach agreement on some of the points, including the theme for the GTE of CFS 45, and an additional meeting was therefore schedule to finalize the discussion and reach agreement on May 18. Find at this link CSM contributions to the meeting.

Extraordinary meeting of the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau members on the current food security crises 12 April
The CFS Chair, solicited by some Bureau members, convened an extraordinary meeting of the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau to address the possible CFS response to the current food security crises on 12 April. The CSM Coordination Committee, with input from the CSM Working Group on Protracted Crises drafted a statement with some preliminary proposals that were presented at the meeting. You can also read the outcomes of the meeting. The discussion on this matter will continue in the next Advisory Group and Bureau meeting of 3 May.

CFS Evaluation Final Report is now online!
The Final Report of the CFS Evaluation is now online! On May 3 the CFS Advisory Group and Bureau meeting will preliminarily discuss the proposal for an Action Plan to follow-up on the Evaluation. On June 7th the Advisory Group and Bureau will meet to discuss this final version in order to identify an action plan to respond to some of the Report’s recommendations and conclusions. Meanwhile please find at this link CSM comments to the previous draft.

Updates on SDG – OEWG meeting on 18 April
On April 18 the CFS OEWG on SDGs met to finalize and agree on the CFS Contribution to the Review process of the HLPF of July 2017. The contribution will be now discussed by the Advisory Group and Bureau of 3 May, adopted by the Bureau meeting in the same day and consequently sent by the CFS Chair to the HLPF in NY.
**Updates on Women’s Empowerment Forum**
The CFS Forum on [Women’s Empowerment](#) will take place on 25 September 2017. The Technical Task Team appointed by the Advisory Group and Bureau will submit to the AG/Bureau meeting of 3 May for discussion and approval, the draft [Annotated Outline of the Background document](#) that will inform the Forum in September, and the [draft agenda, format and list of speakers](#) of the Forum itself.

**Nutrition inter-sessional Special event on 9 May**
On May 9 will take place the first of two [Nutrition](#) inter-sessional special events on “Investments on healthy food systems”.

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2. OTHER CSM ACTIVITIES

**Event on the use and application of the CFS Policy Outcomes 6 April**
On April 6 the CSM jointly with the Permanent Representation of Germany in Rome co-organised the event “[Bringing home the results from Rome. Strengthening the use and application of CFS Policy Outcomes.](#)” More than 100 members and participants of the CFS, as RBAs staff, attended the meeting. The objective of the event was to: discuss key aspects and specific proposals for improving the use and application of CFS policy outcomes; play a catalytic role in a participatory and inclusive discussion toward a better use and application of CFS policy outcomes; encourage the promotion of national monitoring events as part of the efforts for a better use and application of CFS policy outcomes. For more information read the [flyer and agenda](#) and the [concept note](#).

**Upcoming meeting of the CSM Coordination Committee**
The CSM Coordination Committee will meet on 4-6 of May in Rome.

**New Power Points on CSM!**
Please find at this [link](#) a new presentation Power Point on CSM!