CFS Multi-Year Program of Work and Priorities (MYPoW)
The meeting of the OEWG on MYPoW in February 2015 identified a preliminary list of themes for next biennium (2016-17). Now, a consultation on the list is being conducted until 20 April. All CFS actors are invited to propose four work streams. The CSM already reiterated its support for agroecology and genetic resources priority themes and that are already in the proposed CFC list. The CSM will also have to define two other proposals of additional themes to be presented to the next MYPoW meeting in May. For more information see here.

Rai kick start event letter
The CFS secretariat circulated the invitation and draft agenda of the kick-start event on rai (17 March in FAO). The CSM criticized the agenda as being unbalanced and dominated by the private sector while leaving out governments from the Global South, the Rome based agencies and the small scale producers. The process that led to this event, is not in line with the established CFS procedures. The CSM Working Group facilitators and secretariat have drafted an open letter of concern that has been circulated to the CFS Chair, Bureau and Advisory Group. See here the letter and the reply from the CFS Chair and secretariat.

Monitoring Survey
CFS at its 41st Plenary Session in October 2014 decided to carry out an appraisal of its effectiveness. A survey exercise was designed with the intention to gather opinions expressed by CFS stakeholders as a first step. The CSM participated in the process of the opinion survey through its Working Group on Monitoring, particularly through Molly Anderson in the respective Task Team. The CSM Monitoring Working Group is currently preparing for the next OEWG meeting on 30 April, to advance discussions towards the innovative monitoring mechanism of the CFS.

CSM March Events

CSM Information Meeting
On March 3, the CSM held an informational meeting for representatives of CFS members and Rome based Agencies about the activities of the mechanism, by sharing a summary assessment of 2014 and giving an outlook for 2015. The CFS Chair and the Chief of FAO’s Partnership Office OPCP participated in the opening of the event which was attended by 33 representatives from governments, CFS Secretariat, FAO and civil society organization. You can find on the website the reference documents and presentations of the event.

AG Bureau and Bureau Meeting
Report of the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting held on Monday 2 March 2015 from 14.30 to 17.30 in the German Room is now available. You can find here also the CSM contribution to the meeting together with the Agenda and related background documents.

Civil Society at CFS 41 - a REPORT
The CSM presents in this publication some of its contributions to, and assessments of, the 41st Session of the CFS, held from 13-17 October 2014 in Rome. The document was elaborated by the different CFS Policy Working Groups and also provides an outlook for the engagement with CFS in 2015.

Joining Working processes
Water Working Group: a working group is going to be set up for working on the follow-up to the HLPE report on water and food security. If you are interested to join, please contact Shalmali Guttal & Emily Matthiesen (s.guttal@focusweb.org, emattheisen@hic-mena.org)

A New (third) draft of the Framework for Action for Addressing Food Insecurity in Protracted Crisis is being released; comments will be gathered by the CSM Working Group; please write to mariamjaajaa@gmail.com if you want to contribute.

Next meetings:
Joint CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meeting: 15 April;
OEWG Monitoring meeting: 30 April;
Negotiations on Protracted Crisis: 7-8 May; 18-22 May;
OEWG on MYPoW: 13 May.

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