

Chairman's Summary
CFS JOINT ADVISORY GROUP AND BUREAU MEETING – No 3
24 June 2010, 15.00 -18.00, German Room

Agenda (see list of attendees below):

The following agenda was agreed:

- 1. Advisory Group Inputs/engagement in the 36th CFS Agenda, including:**
 - Policy Roundtables
 - Global Initiatives
 - Regional Initiatives
 - Country case studies
 - Global Strategic Framework
 - Mapping Exercise
- 2. The number and composition of invitees to the 36th Session –brief update**
- 3. Any other business**
 - Update on joint secretariat
 - MDG Draft Outcome document
 - Plans for next joint meeting
 - Short Statement on the Berlin Policies Against Hunger Meeting
 - Update on GAFSP

1. Advisory Group inputs/engagement in the 36th CFS agenda, including:

Policy Roundtables

General Comments:

- It was noted that all three documents are missing the potential role of the HLPE; this should be added as appropriate.
- There was general support to consider the proposals made by the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food on the concept notes, especially regarding the expected outcomes.
- There were general questions regarding the next steps in the process for further developing these concept notes, noting that comments from all the actors involved in the process should be considered but micromanagement should be avoided.
- It was underlined that the three concept notes are products of the CFS Secretariat (not the coordinating agency) and members appreciated the task sharing among the three Rome-based agencies.
- The background documents are intended to facilitate the discussion in the sessions and are not policy documents that require approval or endorsement themselves.
- Each session should have clear outcomes, linked to the roles of CFS.

a) Policy Roundtable on SOFI 2010: Addressing Food Security in Protracted Crisis

- A clear definition of what constitutes a protracted crisis should be included in the document.
- Should be analysis of the root causes of the protracted crisis.
- Should consider revised West African Food Aid Charter (now addresses food security in a broader sense).
- Regarding the first policy recommendation (“*support further analysis and deeper understanding of people’s livelihood*”), it was suggested to focus the attention more on concrete actions needed.
- No consensus regarding the global multi donor trust fund that could be included in the Agenda for Action for Countries in Protracted Crisis; some noted that a new trust fund does not guarantee increased funding, whilst others underlined that it could generate a positive reallocation of funding.
- It was generally agreed that this concept note has clear expected outcomes (although the second and the fourth bullet should be merged or clarified).
- The potential role of CFS (through the Bureau and Advisory Group) to suggest themes for future SOFI was mentioned.

b) Policy Roundtable on Land Tenure and International Investment in Agriculture

- Document should include a section describing the process of how the Voluntary Guidelines and Principle documents were developed to improve overall awareness, understanding and coherence between the two sub-themes.
- Many thought that there would be insufficient time for consultation to obtain the endorsement by Members; therefore, the outcome should focus more on the discussion.
- Some suggest stronger links to small holder farmers and strengthened partnerships,
- Some suggested including more positive examples/lessons regarding investment.

c) Policy Roundtable on Managing Vulnerability and Risk

- It was noted that the expected outcome of this Roundtable is slightly different from the other two Roundtables, including, the challenging mix of themes, and, it is not drawing on already developed documents.
- The outcomes should lead to future plans on these themes, including potential topics for studies to be commissioned to the HLPE. Some noted that the role/expertise of Rome agencies should be considered when delegating topics to the HLPE.
- More focus should be given to the vulnerability and risk and price volatility and climate change aspects in the document.
- The document should include different responses to managing vulnerability and risks, in addition to safety nets, such as, diversification of income, agricultural production, food reserves and nutrition, off-farm income, etc.
- It was noted that there was no mention of agriculture in the document.

- Several suggested taking into account the comments of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, specifically the outlined 4 key elements of vulnerability and price volatility (food security and climate change, food reserves/financing, market regulation, safety nets) as well as the proposed expected outcomes.
- It was noted that one possible outcome could be a CFS contribution to international climate change discussion, ensuring a food security and agricultural perspective (from Copenhagen to Cancun).

Global Initiatives

Opinion was divided on the number of institutions to invite to present global initiatives. Some thought the list was too long and should be reduced and focus only on a few. Others thought that if the purpose was to inform those attending CFS then, as long as the length of the presentation was kept short, then all eight should be invited. It was generally agreed to merge AFSI with GAFSP. It was also suggested that the guidelines for the session include a question about regarding what kind of measures the initiatives can take to better link with the roles of CFS.

Regional Initiatives

Opinion was divided on the objective of this item. Some suggested that the session should be viewed as an opportunity to get an understanding of what is happening in the different regions, and would include most FAO regions and others, through short presentations. Others affirmed that it should be more focused on a few initiatives (2 or 3) which are really innovative, which present relevant aspects to be considered by the participant to the CFS. The Chair underlined that the initial intention of this item was to replace country statements to allow regions to give updates. The number of presenters/panelist will depend on the final decision regarding the nature of this session.

Country case studies. This item was not discussed due to inadequate time.

Global Strategic Framework

The Chair noted that the concept note prepared by Brazil had been electronically circulated for comments but only four comments from NGOs and CSOs were received. The Chair restated that Prof. Noori Naeeni has been recruited to assist the Secretariat with this item and that he will consult with members individually on the process of further developing the document.

2. The number and composition of invitees to the 36th Session – brief update

This item was not discussed due to inadequate time.

3. Any other business

Update on GAFSP

Mr. Christopher Delgado, program manager of Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP), and head of the GAFSP Coordination Unit at the World Bank, was invited by the Chair to provide an update on GAFSP's recent work. Mr. Delgado provided an overview of the purpose, structure and modus operandi on GAFSP and indicated that further information can be found at www.worldbank.org/gafsp.

MDG Draft Outcome document, Update on joint secretariat, Plans for next joint meeting, Short statement on the Berlin Policies Against Hunger Meeting - These agenda items were not discussed due to inadequate time. The Chair stated that he would post a written statement of the Berlin meeting on the CFS Working Space.

List of attendees:

CFS Bureau

Chair: Mr Noel De Luna; Mr Travis Power (Australia); Mr Hugo Verbist (Belgium); Mr Renato Domith Godinho (Brazil); Ms Fatma Hussein Saber (Egypt); Ms Ileana Rivera (Guatemala); Mr Kazumasa Shioya (Japan); Mr Ibrahim Abu Atileh (Jordan); Mr Azman Mohd Saad (Malaysia); Mr Evgeny Utkin (Russian Federation); Ms Suzanne Heinen (USA)

Advisory Group

Mr Emile Frison (Biodiversity); Mr Hafez Ghanem (FAO); Mr Patrick Heffer (IAFN); Jean-Philippe Audinet (IFAD); Mr Antonio Onorati (IPC); Mr George Dixon Fernandez (MIJARC); Mr Chris Leather (OXFAM); Mr Mamadou Cissokho (ROPPA); Mr Mouhamed El-Kouhene (WFP); Mr Giuseppe Fantozzi (The World Bank); Mr Christopher Delgado (The World Bank) – Via teleconference

Silent observers

Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi (Afghanistan); Mr Zohrab Malek (Armenia); Mr Carmine Alvaro (Australia); Ms Adair Heuchan (Canada); Mr Jonathan Lingham (DFID); Ms Valentina Salvato (European Union); Ms Inka Räsänen (Finland); Ms Marie-Caroline Dodí (France); Ms Barbara Lorscheid-Kratz (Germany); Mr Katsumasa Miyauchi (Japan); Mr Claudio Miscia (Italy); Mr Koen Joosten (Netherlands); Elías José Guía López (Spain); Ms Sairak Chailanggar (Thailand); Ms Tritaporn Khomapat (Thailand); Ms Elizabeth Nasskau (United Kingdom)

Special Guests

Ms Magdalena Kropiwnicka (Assistant to the CFS Chair)

CFS Secretariat

Mr Kostas Stamoulis; Mr Mark McGuire; Prof Saeid Noori Naeini; Mr Emilio Colonnelli; Ms Chiara Cirulli; Ms Rossella Fanelli; Ms Cordelia Salter; Ms Cristina Zuccaroli; Mr Vincent Gitz; Ms Roberta Piferi; Mr Thomas Price; Ms Rosalud De La Rosa; Ms Amira Muammar