



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

JOINT MEETING CFS BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP

28 April 2011- 09.30 to 12.30 and 14.30 to 17.30 – FAO, Lebanon Room

Agenda (see list of attendees below)

The following agenda items were agreed to:

1. Proposed Agenda for CFS 37th Session
2. Round Table on hunger estimates
3. Draft proposal to enhance private sector engagement in CFS
4. Update on the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure
5. Update on the RAI process
6. Any other business
 - a. Request for updates for the CFS events and linkages web page
 - b. Update on the Civil Society Mechanism
 - c. Update on Briefing regarding tools to address food price volatility
 - d. CSO involvement in preparations for CFS37

1. Proposed Agenda for CFS 37th Session

The proposed agenda was discussed at length. Proposed changes were taken into account by the Bureau during their discussion on this item on 29 April, and are reflected in the attached revised proposed Timetable and Draft Agenda for CFS 37.

There was general support for the format presented, subject to a fine tuning of the timetable as reflected in the revised proposed Timetable.

Support was expressed to invite the President of the World Bank; however, some Advisory Group members cautioned that there should be a balance among the invited opening speakers.

It was agreed to adopt the proposed Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure before proceeding with the other agenda items; the Voluntary Guidelines should be finalized before the 37th Session of the CFS.

For the global and regional item, it was recommended to separate global from regional initiatives and to assign appropriate time for presentations and interventions. Although some preferred to see results arising out of this item, others pointed out that information sharing, which benefits many stakeholders was the priority.

It was recommended that a maximum of three policy roundtables be held with consensus reached on Gender, food security and nutrition. Food price volatility and Investment in agriculture were also generally supported. .

It was felt that country case studies need not be limited alone to the mapping presentations. Other cases can also be presented involving other issues.

There was a general sentiment to start the consultation process of working out the recommendations or decisions that will be presented to the 37 CFS, as soon as feasible.

2. Round Table on hunger estimates

A concept note on the proposed Round Table scheduled to be held on 12-13 September 2011 at FAO, Rome was presented. The importance of strengthening national capacities was emphasized. It was requested that indicators to measure progress towards hunger reduction be addressed at a later stage. FAO together with country Representatives will help ensure appropriate participation in the Round Table.

3. Draft proposal to enhance private sector engagement in CFS

An overview of the draft document was provided. It will be revised taking into account comments such as need to:

- Define private sector
- Alter the title
- Include small holder producers and other small scale entrepreneurs in the food chain-major players in food security and nutrition particularly in developing countries
- Distinguish between different private sector categories such as financiers, philanthropic foundations, insurance providers, corporations
- Articulate how private sector can benefit from engagement in CFS, and how the committee could gain from this.

How to attract and bring together the very diverse categories of players in private sector remains a major challenge.

The Chair clarified that the advisor on private sector matters to be made available to him will be funded by the UK independently of CFS extra budgetary resources.

4. Update on the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure

The USA, on behalf of the OEWG Chair, outlined proposals submitted earlier regarding changes to the approved schedule and process of the Voluntary Guidelines Open Ended Working Group

(OEWG). The proposal to have an additional meeting of the OEWG in June to identify contentious areas without negotiations was supported. The Bureau will decide on dates for this meeting as well for the July negotiations.

The Chair emphasized the need for an inclusive, transparent process to be conducted according to the Bureau approved "Guidelines for participation in CFS OEWGs".

5. Update on the RAI process

Hugo Verbist outlined his revised proposal (draft 3 of 07/04/2011) for consultations on principles for responsible agricultural investments within CFS about which five comments had been received from MIJARC/IPC/ROPPA. It was agreed that these changes could all be accommodated, especially if the two track approach is replaced by a two step approach; step 1 addressing actions up to the October CFS, and step 2 starting with the CFS consultation process after October. The changes will be included when the proposal is presented to the Bureau for its approval on 29 April.

6. Any other business

- a. Request for updates for the CFS events and linkages web page
New items to be added to the web page should be sent to the Secretariat by 10 May latest; the web page is updated in May and October
- b. Update on the Civil Society Mechanism
Civil Society Organizations (CSO) are finding it very difficult to operationalise the Civil Society Mechanism due to lack of funds. Spain has promised funding for the end May/early June Cordoba meeting of Coordinating Committee which will address institutional as well as policy (FPV, land tenure, investment in agric) matters. The funds will be made available via FAO; they should be transferred soon. Norway has pledged approximately \$100 000 for travel, and Germany less than this. Other potential donors should be followed up.
- c. Update on Briefing regarding tools to address food price volatility
The Briefing on tools to address food price volatility to be held at FAO can take place between 23-30 May; date to be decided by the Bureau on 29 April.
- d. CSO involvement in preparations for CFS37
CSOs sought clarification on their possible participation in the preparation of decision boxes for CSF documents. They expressed interest in being involved in preparing the policy round tables including the possibility of proposing speakers/panelists

The next meeting of the Bureau and Advisory Group will be held on 25 May, all day

List of attendees

CFS Bureau

CFS Chair: Mr Noel De Luna; Ms Karima Boubekour (Algeria); Mr Travis Power (Australia); Ms Emily Collins (Australia); Mr Hugo Verbist (Belgium) ; Mr Renato Godinho (Brazil); Ms Fatma Saber (Egypt) ; Ms Ilean Rivera (Guatemala) ; Mr Katsumasa Miyauchi (Japan) ; Mr Ibrahim Abu Atileh (Jordan) ; Mr Azman Mohd Saad (Malaysia) ; Ms Ertharin Cousin (USA); Mr Michael Michener (USA)

CFS Advisory Group

Mr Hafez Ghanem (FAO); Mr Jean-Philippe Audinet (IFAD); Mr Mouhamed El-Kouhene (WFP); Mr David Nabarro (UN HLTf Coordination); Ms Florence Lasbennes (UN HLTf Coordination); Ms Beatriz Gasco (IPC); Ms Alberta Guerra (Action Aid); Mr Kwesi Atta-Krah (Bioversity); Ms Morgane Danielou (IAFN); Mr Mamadou Cissokho (ROPPA); Mr George Dixon (MIJARC); Ms Anja Langenbucher (Gates Foundation); Ms Denise Coitinho (SCN)

Silent Observers

Ms Berengere Quincy (France); Ms Christine Ton Nu (France); Ms Suvi Turja (Finland); Ms Ingrid Heinrich (Germany); Ms Swantje Nilson (Germany); Mr Gemma Betsema (Netherlands); Mr Brad Paterson (Canada); Mr Elias Guia (Spain); Mr Soren Skafta (Denmark); Ms Agnes Dus (Hungary); Mr Evgueny Utkin (Russian Federation); Ms Jacqueline Birrer (Switzerland)

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