



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

JOINT MEETING CFS BUREAU AND ADVISORY GROUP

25 May 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:

Morning Session:

1. Preparation for agenda items for CFS37
2. Revised proposal to enhance private sector engagement in CFS
3. Update on the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure
4. Update on the consultation process on principles for responsible agricultural investments
5. Update on Global Strategic Framework

Afternoon session:

6. Meeting with HLPE Steering Committee Chair and co-Chair
7. Any other business
 - Advisory Group proposal to improve working methods
 - Financial situation of Civil Society Mechanism

The agenda was discussed in the following order:

1. Preparation for agenda items for CFS37

The process of preparing agenda items, particularly the policy round tables, should be as for CFS36 but with closer involvement by Advisory Group (AG) members to facilitate broader consultation with their respective constituencies.

The Secretariat will contact AG members soon to solicit their participation in a Task Team (TT) dedicated to pre-preparing agenda items including documents and decision boxes where required, and to proposing panelists including chairpersons. Such documents and proposals will then be submitted to the Bureau for its guidance before being finalized by the Secretariat who has the ultimate responsibility for CFS documents and agenda items. The Bureau retains the prerogative of selecting rapporteurs for the round tables.

2. Revised proposal to enhance private sector engagement in CFS

The revised concept paper for enhancing private sector engagement in the CFS was welcomed. Its focus on corporate private sector relevant to food and agriculture, addressing private foundations in parallel, was agreed to. It was noted that the process should engage with associations of small and medium size enterprises, in particular given their role to attain food security in developing countries. The Advisory Group member from private sector will serve as focal point to coordinate contacts, communication and outreach with a range of associations and individual corporate entities.

The importance of the meeting in Brussels on 24 June of private sector representatives to establish the basis for a joint platform, inspired by the model developed by civil society, was noted. The final concept paper will incorporate the Members' comments and provide a timeline for action.

3. Update on the Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure

The Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) from 14-17 June will be conducted according to the Guidelines for Participation in CFS Open Ended Working Groups as approved by the Bureau in February (see attachment). There will be no formal discussions on the 15 June. However, this day will be used for informal exchanges within and among Regional Groups and other participants as well as with the chair. While there will be no formal negotiations during this meeting of the OEWG, it will be used as far as possible to advance discussions by clarifying issues and identifying the areas of convergence and divergence.

8. Update on the consultation process on principles for responsible agricultural investments

The revised proposal (draft 4 of 09/05/2011) for consultations on principles for responsible agricultural investment within the CFS prepared by Hugo Verbist solicited only one request for amendment easily accommodated in the current draft. The revised proposal will be submitted to the Bureau on 26 May when it is expected to be approved.

4. Update on Global Strategic Framework

Comments received from the members of the task team on the draft (11 May) Annotated Outline-GSF for Food Security and Nutrition will be taken into account when preparing the final

version of this Annotated Outline to be translated and further developed during an inclusive consultation from mid July to early October 2011.

A plan to conduct this e-consultation with a global and regional focus was presented by the FSN Forum who will facilitate the consultation. AG members will be contacted to establish how they can contribute to making this exercise as broad, inclusive and effective as possible. A briefing for Permanent Representatives and other stakeholder participants on the e-consultation process will be arranged in Rome.

5. Meeting with HLPE Steering Committee Chair and co-Chair

Following presentations by the HLPE Chair and Vice Chair, the following points were highlighted:

- The HLPE was complimented for its achievements and oversight of the process under a tight schedule;
- Ways to give sufficient prominence to HLPE reports/findings during CFS 37 should be found especially during the round tables on Food Price Volatility and on International Investments in Agriculture;
- HLPE reports will contain a summary for policymakers, which will include a list of HLPE recommendations;
- The value of finalizing the HLPE Climate Change study before the Rio+20 Conference in June 2012 was emphasised;
- It was recalled that the role of the Steering Committee is to oversee report preparation, while such reports are prepared by the Project Teams;
- The idea of the HLPE launching its reports to a wide audience, possibly in September 2011, was supported;
- HLPE reports, including the summary for policymakers, will be used by the CFS to prepare CFS 37 session documents according to modalities to be decided by the Bureau (cf. agenda item 1.).

6. Any other business

Advisory Group Proposal to improve working methods

The Advisory Group proposed a number of ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of joint Bureau/AG meetings including:

- Greater involvement by the AG in intersessional activities particularly regarding their content;
- More systematic and rigorous preparation and conduct of meetings including the timely submission of documents and clear indications of what is expected from the AG;
- Informal preparatory meetings by the AG to help coordinate their inputs;
- The possibility of AG members to attend Bureau meetings as silent observers.

The Bureau requested the AG to provide their proposals in writing, and undertook to discuss these during their meeting the next day.

Financial situation of Civil Society Mechanism

The critical financial situation of the CS Mechanism was again emphasized. Bearing in mind the importance of the mechanism for the effective functioning of the AG, ways for a better resource mobilization, including alternative funding sources, should be explored. A meeting organized by the three Rome based agencies to sensitize donors to this matter is envisaged. This issue requires further close attention in the coming months.

Departure of Mr Ibrahim Atileh

Leave was taken of Ibrahim Atileh who is returning to Jordan. Great appreciation was expressed for his valuable contribution to the CFS and its Bureau over the past years.

List of attendees

CFS Bureau

CFS Vice-Chair: Mr Hugo Verbist ; Mr Azeddine Riach(Algeria); Ms Emily Collins (Australia); Mr Marc Heirman (Belgium); Mr Renato Godinho (Brazil); Ms Fatma Saber (Egypt) ; Ms Ilean Rivera (Guatemala) ; Mr Kazumasa Ahioya (Japan); Mr Azman Mohd Saad (Malaysia) ; Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation); Ms Elisabeth Kvitashvili (USA); Mr Michael Michener (USA)

CFS Advisory Group

Mr Hafez Ghanem (FAO); Mr Mouhamed El-Kouhene (WFP); Ms Alberta Guerra (Action Aid); Mr David Nabarro (UN HLTf Coordination); Ms Florence Lasbennes (UN HLTf Coordination); Mr Kwesi Atta-Krah (Bioversity); Ms Robynne Anderson (International Agri-Food Network); Ms Beatriz Gasco (IPC); Mr Chris Leather (Oxfam); Ms Denise Coitinho (SCN); Mr Giuseppe Fantozzi (The World Bank)

Silent Observers

Mr Bradley Paterson (Canada); Mr Egill Boccanera (Denmark); Mr Soren Skafte (Denmark); Ms Silvia Renda (European Union); Ms Quincy Berengere (France); Mr de Revier Alain (France); Ms Ingrid Heinrich (Germany); Mr Thomas Hansmann (Germany); Ms Agnes Dus (Hungary); Mr Balázs Hamar (Hungary); Mr Katsumasa Miyauchi (Japan) ; Ms Elena Fontana (Italy); Mr Gemma Betsema (Netherlands); Ms Marina Emiliani (San Marino); Mr Jinal Shah (United Kingdom)

HLPE

Mr M.S. Swaminathan; Ms Maryam Rahmanian

CFS Secretariat

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