

CSO REPORT on CSO evaluation/planning meeting JUNE 17th - FAO - Rome

1. Evaluation

Main points stressed by the SC representatives:

- Good meeting - everyone in the room seems really committed
- The procedure and methodology was really a surprise but not only for CSO - nobody was prepared to already propose alternative wording
- Informal small meeting with States representatives were crucial (Egypt, Zimbabwe, GRULAC, USA and Canada, EU)
- Concerns about absent States, mainly African and Asian countries - other CFS participants were absent too (like WB, private sector, etc), depending who will be present in July the balance of power will change. The US were to a great extent isolated with their positions.
- The Chair needs methodology support. CSO could support him with the VG on RtF experience and methodology
- It will be decisive to identify key countries until July and organize advocacy in capitals.
- The SRRTF won't be present in July
- The CSO participation does impress (but is it the best strategic attitude?)
- Real issues came up but didn't be solved (eg. Scope and objective of the VG).
- The participation of UE, Brazil and Egypt were really appreciated and strong.
- The (lack of) methodology is worrying

2. Next Steps

CFS BUREAU meeting is on the 22nd (next Wednesday).

Proposition:

- Michael Windfuhr will draft a paper with methodology suggestions to send to the Chair before the CFS bureau meeting (before Tuesday morning - 11AM).
- The document will be sent around and compiled by Sofia before sending it to the Chair

Thematic groups - proposition to merge some of the issues:

- Scope - objective of the VG - Coherence of policies (and section 6 on Climate change) - Water, range lands and other natural resources
- Agrarian reforms and redistribution
- Investment and concessions - market
- State and non-states actors

Harmonization of legal language should not be a thematic group but simply an issue, which will be solved with the assistance of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights as proposed by Brazil and the EU.

Strategy regarding participation of CSO:

- 2-3 representatives of CSO must participate in each thematic group
- We have to decide what is OUR limit/minimum
- We have to prepare alternative wording and have it ready, consolidated and agreed one week before July meeting so that it can be sent around
- We will have to identify one person by each thematic group to coordinate the drafting of alternative wording

3. National actions - Capitals advocacy

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| AFRICA | ASIA | USA |
| ROPPIA | Philippines (IPC) | Christina Schiavoni |

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| (Nora) PROPAC (Nora) Cissokho (Nora) South Africa Malawi (ActionAid) Kenya Sudan | Indonesia (IPC) China (IPC) India (ActionAid) Malaysia (IPC) | (coordination committee member of the CSM) will be requested to facilitate the national lobby in the US |
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4. July negotiations

Delegates have to arrive on the 10th, before 2PM.

FAO RtF unit has funding to cover participation of Southern legal experts (3-4).

ILC would like to support their CSO members and eventually non-ILC members to participate in the meeting. They expect indications from us about which regions to prioritize.

Oxfam will check if they can cover some of the delegates costs.

Every constituency has to be represented: Pastoralists; Fisherfolks; Landless movements; Youth; Indigenous peoples/forest communities; Farmers/peasants

Delegation could be of 10 to 15 representatives max. Representatives must be well prepared and have been already involved in regional processes of consultation on the Guidelines. The delegation must be quickly identified.

Tasks To Do

1. Circulate notes of the June meeting in EN, ES, FR
2. Identify responsible persons to coordinate input and alternative wording on the contentious issues
3. Full new drafting
4. Appoint a CSO Friend of the Chair once we receive the invitation to join
5. Lobby tool kit for national advocacy + Mapping of positions (OXFAM - Stéphane)
6. Lobby work in Rome (Antonio, Nora, Alberta, Luca)
7. Follow-up of Zimbabwe meeting (Sofia)
8. China meeting (Antonio)
9. Invitation for OHCHR (Priscilla Claeys)
10. Logistics in Rome for July meeting (IPC/CSM secretariat)
11. Identify CSO participants for the July meeting and start travel arrangements