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Policy Convergence and Coordination

Responsible agricultural investments:

The way forward

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Purpose:

- The extended outcome of the inclusive, consultative process within CFS is:

a set of principles to promote investments in agriculture that contribute to food security and nutrition and to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security

rai: the way forward

Intended users of the principles:

- All stakeholders that are involved in, benefit from or are affected by agricultural investments

Type of instrument:

- The principles will be voluntary and non-binding

Nature of the principles:

- address all types of investments in agricultural value chains and food systems, including forestry and fisheries, and including smallholder producers
- address investments in agricultural research, extension and technology transfer
- include foreign and domestic, public and private small, medium and large scale investments

Furthermore the principles should:

- [Not address trade issues that fall under the remit of WTO]
- Ensure they do not duplicate existing agreements and ongoing intergovernmental negotiations across the UN and multilateral system

Tentative schedule:

Task	Timeframe
OEWG meeting to discuss preliminary work on the Zero Draft and prepare a calendar of consultations	Early November 2012
CFS Secretariat to prepare a Zero Draft of the rai principles	Nov 2012 - Jan 2013
Zero draft is discussed in OEWG and CFS Bureau	Feb 2013
Regional multi-stakeholder consultations, e-consultation and consultations within existing regional meetings/fora	Feb 2013 - Jan 2014
CFS Secretariat to prepare Draft One	Feb 2014
Draft One is discussed in OEWG and CFS Bureau	March 2014
Global meeting to be held in Rome to negotiate Final Version	June/July 2014
rai principles are endorsed at CFS Plenary	October 2014