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Session V - CFS workstreams

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Programme of Work and Priorities

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Open-Ended Working Group on Programme of Work and Priorities : 2013 ToRs and Roadmap

Agreed Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the PWP OEWG in 2013

(based on decisions taken at CFS 39):

- ❖ **Update of the 2012-2013 MYPoW** including an updated budget, Gantt Chart and definition of priorities for 2013 → *Information session on 21 March*
- ❖ Review of the gaps and emerging issues identified at CFS39 in order to identify the issues to be addressed by CFS in the 2014-2015 biennium and **prepare the CFS 2014-2015 MYPoW**
- ❖ Further elaboration of the **Guidance note on selection and prioritization of CFS activities**, including inputs from regional level
- **4 meetings of the PWP OEWG in 2013:** 18 January, 12 March, 27 May, 17 July



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Structure of the proposed CFS MYPoW for 2014-2015

- Section I: Background and Rationale
- Section II: CFS overall objective and outcomes *(no change – already approved)*
- **Section III: CFS key achievements in 2012-2013**
- **Section IV: CFS activities for 2014-2015**
- Section V: Key stakeholders and target audience *(no change – already approved)*
- **Section VI: Assumptions and Risks**
- Section VII: Provisional Gantt Chart
- Section VIII: Indicative Budget
- Section IX: Monitoring and Evaluation
- **Annex I: Guidance note for selection and prioritization of CFS activities**
- **Annex II: Proposed CFS activities that have not been retained in the 2014-2015 MYPoW**



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Section III: CFS key achievements in 2012-2013

CFS key achievements in 2012-2013:

- Major workstreams:
 - **Voluntary Guidelines** on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security (VGGT)
→ *Endorsed at CFS 38th (special) session in May 2012*
 - **Global Strategic Framework** for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF)
→ *Endorsed at CFS 39th session in October 2012*
- HLPE reports:
 - Food security and climate change (2012)
 - Social protection and food security (2012)
 - Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security (2013)
 - Biofuels and food security (2013)



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Section IV: CFS activities for 2014 -2015 2014

Major workstreams *(cont'd 2013) (decision CFS39)*

- Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investments (rai)
- Agenda for Action for addressing food insecurity in protracted crises (A4A)

Other workstreams

- Right to food: 10 years later *(decision CFS39)*
- Programme of work and priorities (PWP)
- Monitoring
- Communication strategy
- Rules of procedure (RoP)

HLPE Reports *(decision CFS39)*

- Role of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for food security and nutrition
- Food losses and waste in the context of sustainable food systems

+ *Annual update of the GSF*



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Section IV: CFS activities for 2014 -2015 2015

Major workstream

- **Framework for implementing the post-2015 agenda on issues related to sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition (2016)**

Preparatory phase in 2015: CFS role in facilitating country-initiated multi-stakeholder assessments on sustainable food systems, food security and nutrition

- Purpose of the preparatory phase: enhance country-level capacity in planning and implementing multi-stakeholder integrated assessments on sustainable food systems and FSN as a prerequisite for determining effective FSN strategies that will be indispensable to achieve the post-2015 development goals.

- Draft ToRs for the preparatory phase to be developed by the CFS Secretariat, discussed by the Bureau and Advisory Group and agreed by the Bureau by the end of 2014 → **Envisaged activities should be in line with the deliberations held in New-York to avoid any duplication.**



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Section IV: CFS activities for 2014 -2015 2015

Other workstreams

➤ **High-level forum on « Connecting smallholders to market »**

- Purpose: Bring together, in a transparent and inclusive way, all concerned actors in order to **(i)** exchange experiences, enhance coordination and provide necessary coherence and convergence among initiatives, programmes and projects, **(ii)** ensure continuity with previous CFS work, and **(iii)** scrutinize packages of existing recommendations to highlight the most relevant and effective ones that could be presented to CFS42 for endorsement.

- Draft ToRs to be developed by the CFS Secretariat in collaboration with focal points in concerned organisations, discussed by the Bureau and Advisory Group and agreed by the Bureau by the end of 2014.

➤ **Roundtable on « Building knowledge, skills and talent development to further food and nutrition security »**

➤ **Programme of work and priorities (PWP)**

➤ **Monitoring**

+ *Annual update of the GSF*



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Section IV: CFS activities for 2014 -2015 2015

HLPE Report

➤ **Water and food security**

- Crucial issue for food security and nutrition (and topic best ranked)
- Focus on water for agricultural production and food processing, through a food security lens
- Inclusion of Gender-related aspects
- Particular issues related to soils: sustainability of irrigation systems, salinization of agricultural land and reduction of the quality of the ground water.

Section VI: Assumptions and risks

1. **Food security and nutrition issues** remain high in the international political agenda
2. **CFS stakeholders** remain committed to sharing lessons and expertise and coordinating their actions for food security and nutrition within the CFS framework
3. CFS is recognised by international actors as the main international body for dealing with food security and nutrition issues. The **international community** remains committed to providing resources according to needs identified and planned activities incorporated in the CFS MYPoW

Annex I: Guidance note for selection and prioritization of CFS activities

Purpose: to propose a **regular, structured, coherent and inclusive process** for selection and prioritization of CFS future activities to **help prepare the CFS MYPoW** and ultimately **contribute to CFS efficiency through a better and advanced organization of its work.**

➤ Inputs from this year's pilot selection process

Output = Gantt Chart

Guiding principles :

- Maximum 2 HLPE reports per year
 - Maximum 2 major workstreams per year
 - Maximum 5 other workstreams per year
- } 3 max / year

Logical articulation between the three categories of activities

Linkages with the programmes of work of the 3 RBAs and other possible support

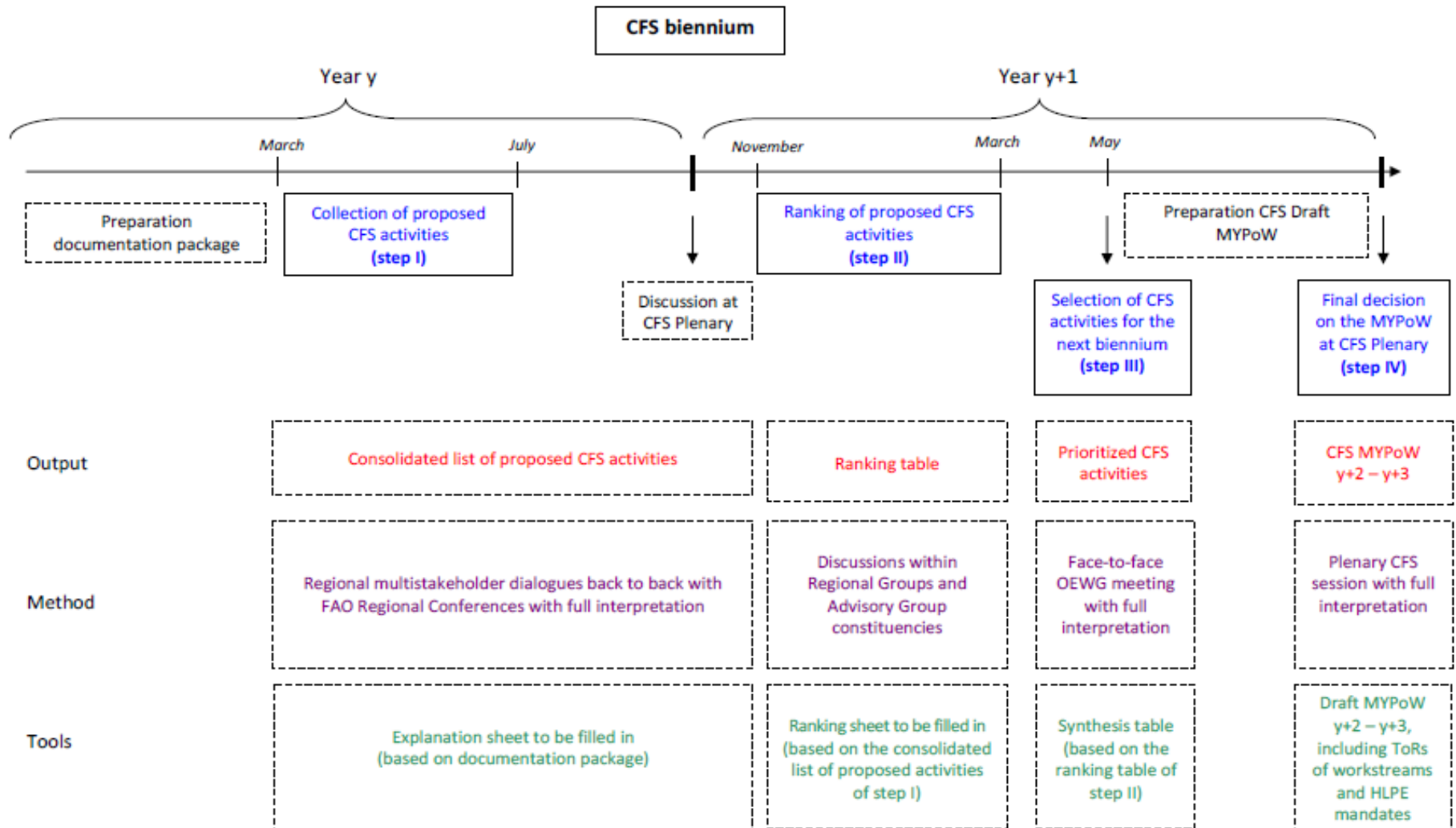
Five criteria (agreed by CFS39) : consensus (overarching criteria); value added; contribution to CFS overall objective; no duplication; available resources.

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- KEY FEATURES -

- **3 categories of CFS activities:** HLPE reports / Major workstreams / Other workstreams
- **Guiding principles and criteria** for prioritization
- **4 steps / Regional inputs** at each step of the process
- Utilisation of the full potential of the **HLPE: provision of a note on emerging and critical issues**
- **Continuity** with previous selection process ensured
- **Translation** of all documents and **interpretation** of meeting in the six official UN languages
- Report at CFS Plenary sessions on an annual basis to fuel discussions on emerging issues → **CFS Plenary takes the final decision**
- **Clear guidance** but **flexibility**
- **Streamlining of Workload** for CFS stakeholders and **cost**

Annex I: Guidance note for selection and prioritization of CFS activities - SELECTION -





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Decision Box

The Committee:

- 1) Expresses its appreciation for the work of the Open Ended Working Group on Programme of Work and Priorities (PWP OEWG) and recommends that it continues its work to further prioritize and streamline its programme of work and to implement the proposed process for selection and prioritization of CFS activities in the 2014-2015 biennium;
- 2) Adopts the CFS MYPoW for 2014-2015, including the proposed HLPE report themes, major and other workstreams;
- 3) Adopts the revised Guidance note for selection and prioritization of CFS activities (annexed to the MYPoW).



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Thank you for your attention !