Principles for responsible agricultural investments in the context of food security

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Background

2010 (CFS 36)
CFS decided to start an inclusive process of consideration of principles for responsible agricultural investment

2011 (CFS 37)
CFS decided to start the inclusive process with developing ToR

2012 (CFS 39)
CFS approved ToR
CFS requested that the principles be submitted for endorsement by CFS 41
Progress report: Technical activities

- review of existing international initiatives on responsible agricultural investments (Nov – Dec 2012)
- set-up of a multi-agency Technical Support Team (Nov – Dec 2012)
- preparation of an outline of the rai principles (Dec 2012 – Jan 2013)
- preparation of a Zero Draft (Feb – Apr 2013)
- preparation of a new version of the Zero Draft (May – July 2013)
Progress report: Information sharing and outreach activities

- Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (Berlin, January 2013)
- CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting (Addis Ababa, March 2013)
- Annual World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty (Washington, April 2013)
- Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition (Rome, May 2013)
- New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition Event (London, June 2013)

- Linkages with other ongoing processes, such as UNGC and OECD
Current stage

OEWG meeting 23 – 24 September 2013

• The Zero Draft was generally perceived as a sound basis for the upcoming consultations

Regional consultations and e-consultation

• All regions should be covered
• Availability of funds
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Proposed schedule:

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<td>September 2013</td>
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<td>Regional and electronic consultations</td>
<td>October 2013 - 15 March 2014</td>
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<td>(Pending availability of funds, consultations may not be held in all regions)</td>
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<td>Release of Draft One</td>
<td>1 April 2014</td>
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<td>Preliminary discussion on Draft One in OEWG</td>
<td>29 – 30 April 2014</td>
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<td>Global meeting to be held in Rome to negotiate Final Version</td>
<td>19 – 23 May 2014</td>
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Decision box

The Committee takes note of the update provided in document CFS 2013/40/6 and endorses the proposed schedule for the way forward outlined in paragraph 6.