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CFS OEWG-Monitoring Meeting # 02

Date: 17 March 2016

Time: 9.30 – 12.30

Location: Iraq Room

Outcomes

Second meeting of the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Monitoring

Agenda

The following agenda was approved:

- 1- Welcome by OEWG Chair
- 2- Terms of Reference for sharing experiences and best practices (*for approval*)
- 3- Decision Box (*for approval*)
- 4- Next steps

Outcomes

1- Welcome by OEWG Chair

The Chair opened the meeting and the agenda was agreed. The Chair reminded participants that this was the last meeting of the OEWG on monitoring and that agreement on the terms of reference for sharing experiences and best practices (TORs) and the Decision Box should be reached during the meeting.

2- Terms of Reference for sharing experiences and best practices

The Chair underlined the importance of finalizing the TORs as soon as possible to provide guidance, in line with the anticipated approach - though the TORs will not be agreed until they are endorsed by plenary in October 2016 - for the preparation of the European regional dialogue beginning of May and of all national and regional events that may be organized to provide inputs to the global thematic event on VGGT in October 2016.

The Secretariat introduced the main changes made in the revised version of the TORs: early focus on CFS major products; mention of the contribution of the recommended approach to the development of the CFS innovative monitoring mechanism (that aims to assist countries in monitoring progress in achieving food security and nutrition objectives); potential contribution of the recommended approach to the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; inclusion of an additional objective for the events related to the promotion of CFS and CFS products; cancellation of the objective related to the definition of a framework for progress monitoring; revision of the values promoted by CFS for good practices.

Participants appreciated the revised version of the document that integrates elements of the CSM and French proposals of TORs presented in the previous meeting. Participants provided a number of

comments to further improve the TORs, specifically the request to make explicit reference to the organization of events in the title of the document; to include the RtF Guidelines and the Global Strategic Framework for FSN among the CFS main products; to specify that monitoring focused not only on successes in implementing CFS products but also on the factors affecting the results, and the constraints and challenges met; to mention in the objectives of the events that the lessons should also be drawn to advance FSN national goals; to document events in consultation with the representatives of all groups of stakeholders; to take into account regional representation when organizing events at global level; and to mention that good practices should have a focus on the most vulnerable and marginalized people and groups.

Regarding Section 6 (Organization of the global thematic sessions at CFS), participants underlined the need to have an inclusive process in line with the approach recommended in the TORs, and to communicate the lessons learned from the global thematic sessions to FSN stakeholders at all levels. It was agreed that the Secretariat will work in consultation with the OEWG on monitoring for the organization of the global thematic sessions, including for the organization of the VGGT Plenary session at CFS 43.

Participants also raised the need to clarify the status of the results in the Plenary report. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed at a later stage and would not be developed in the TORs.

Decision Box

The following changes were agreed:

- Change in the title of the Decision Box and the title of the document mentioned in the first paragraph, which now reads: "Terms of reference to share experiences and good practices in applying CFS decisions and recommendations, including within CFS sessions and through organizing events at national, regional and global levels";
- Para b): replace "... as a contribution to CFS monitoring function." by "... as a contribution towards the incremental development of the CFS innovative monitoring mechanism.";
- Para b): replace "... that are planned to be organized within CFS Plenary sessions..." by "... that are planned to be organized on a regular basis, subject to available resources, within CFS Plenary sessions ...".

3- Next steps

TORs and Decision Box:

- The CFS Secretariat will amend the TORs and Decision Box, addressing the comments provided during the meeting, and share the documents with the OEWG participants by **24 March**, requesting comments to be sent by **1 April**; at that stage, only comments related to possible misinterpretation of issues raised during the OEWG meeting will be taken into consideration;
- The CFS Secretariat will finalize the TORs and Decision Box and submit them to the Bur/AG for approval at their **8 July** meeting.

VGGT event:

- The CFS Secretariat will compile the inputs received from CFS stakeholders to identify and document experiences and good practices in the use and application of the VGGT, extract the key messages and prepare a format for holding the VGGT Plenary session.

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- The Secretariat will share the compilation of inputs, key messages and format with the OEWG on monitoring for comments by **end of May**.