

CFS OEWG-Monitoring #1

Date: 3 February 2016

Time: 9:30-12:30

Location: German Room, FAO (Building C, 2nd Floor)

Draft Workplan of the OEWG on Monitoring – 2016

(prepared by the CFS Secretariat and discussed during the Bureau and Advisory Group meetings in November 2015)

Extract from CFS MYPoW 2016-17:

41. *Following CFS 41 and the implementation of the CFS Effectiveness Opinion Survey in 2015, the OEWG on Monitoring will continue its work in 2016-2017. Countries are invited to volunteer to pilot the implementation of voluntary in-depth country level assessments of CFS effectiveness and discuss the results with the OEWG. Additionally, the OEWG on Monitoring will take into consideration the implementation of CFS workstreams as outlined in CFS MYPoWs in order to develop best practices for future monitoring activities.*

Decisions of the Committee at CFS 42 (CFS 2015/42 Draft Report):

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- e) *Recalled the decisions on CFS monitoring taken at CFS 41 to continue developing an innovative mechanism built on existing structures as recommended in paragraph 43 b (v) of the CFS 41 Final Report and, subject to available resources, invited volunteer member countries to pilot the implementation of voluntary in-depth country level assessments of CFS effectiveness, with support from the CFS Secretariat, and to discuss the results with the OEWG on Monitoring. These pilots would test the methodological approach outlined in the document CFS 2014/41/11 in collaboration with those countries and stakeholders that express their interest to volunteer, and learn lessons before applying the model more broadly;*
- f) *As endorsed at CFS 41, encouraged CFS stakeholders to continue to share their experiences and best practices and requested the CFS Secretariat, in collaboration with the OEWG on Monitoring for the monitoring aspects, to explore and promote ways to achieve this, including within CFS sessions and through organizing events at global, regional and national levels, subject to available resources;*
- g) *Agreed that the OEWG on Monitoring should, as part of its work, take into consideration the implementation of the CFS work streams as outlined in CFS MYPoWs in order to develop best practices for future monitoring activities;*
- h) *Moreover, the Committee agreed, with respect to the events mentioned in paragraph f), that the OEWG shall develop basic terms of reference in 2016, to be approved by the Bureau and adopted by the CFS Plenary, to ensure participation, inclusiveness and regional representation in these events. In this sense, the Committee also agreed to hold a global thematic event during the CFS 43 Plenary to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the VGGT.*

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I. OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- a) Provide guidance to CFS stakeholders to organize events to share their experiences and good practices within CFS sessions and through organizing events at global, regional and national levels, subject to available resources, ensuring participation, inclusiveness and regional representation in these events~~Ensure that events that are organized by the CFS Secretariat to share experiences and best practices, including within CFS sessions and through organizing events at global, regional and national levels, contribute to monitoring purposes;~~
- b) Develop best practices for future monitoring activities, taking into consideration the implementation of the CFS work streams as outlined in CFS MYPoWs.

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- a) Basic terms or reference are: (i) developed to ensure that events organized to share experiences and best practices within CFS sessions and at different levels contribute to monitoring purposes; (ii) approved by the Bureau; and (iii) adopted during CFS 43 Plenary;
- b) A thematic event ~~is to be~~ organized during the CFS 43 Plenary to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the VGGT, applying the terms of reference developed by the OEWG on Monitoring;
- c) Best practices for future monitoring activities are developed taking into consideration the implementation of CFS workstreams, as outlined in CFS MYPoWs.

III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
<u>Bureau and Advisory Group</u> to discuss overall objectives, outcomes and activities of the Monitoring Workstream (Bureau to decide)	Bureau/AG meeting on 24 November 2015 Bureau meeting on 25 November 2015
<u>OEWG-Monitoring meeting</u> to discuss: (i) draft terms of reference to ensure that events contribute to monitoring purposes (ii) best practices for future monitoring activities	3 February 2016
<u>OEWG-Monitoring meeting</u> to reach a consensus on:	4 March 2016

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(i) terms of reference to ensure that events contribute to monitoring purposes	
(ii) best practices for future monitoring activities	
<u>Bureau and Advisory Group</u> to discuss the terms of reference to ensure that events contribute to monitoring purposes and the Decision Box (Bureau to decide)	Bureau/AG meeting on 21 March 2016 Bureau meeting on 1 April 2016
Organization of VGGT event during CFS 43	October 2016
<u>CFS 43</u> to endorse the terms of reference to ensure that events contribute to monitoring purposes and the Decision Box	October 2016

IV. COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM CSM

“MONITORING – 2016:

On the OVERALL OBJECTIVES

In our view, important objectives of the monitoring work for 2016 are not captured in the current draft. We would like to propose the following text:

a) Ensure that the CFS continues in 2016 developing an innovative monitoring mechanism putting in a coherent framework and further developing the elements contained in the decision box: i) the voluntary in-depth country level assessments; ii) the global, regional and national events; and iii) best practices for future monitoring activities taking into consideration the implementation of the CFS work streams as outlined in CFS MYPoWs.

On the EXPECTED OUTCOMES

We agree with the expected outcomes identified in the draft and would like to make some additions (underlined):

a) 1-2 countries willing to volunteer for the in-depth county level assessments are identified and discussions how to go about these assessments are started in the OEWG;

b) Basic terms or reference are: (i) developed to ensure that events organized to share experiences and best practices within CFS sessions and at different levels contribute to monitoring purposes; (ii) approved by the Bureau; and (iii) adopted during CFS 43 Plenary;

c) 1-3 countries willing to pilot-test national events are identified and supported in their efforts;

d) A thematic event to be organized during the CFS 43 Plenary to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the VGGT, applying the terms of reference developed by the OEWG on Monitoring and aiming at identifying recommendations to improve governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests;



Open Ended Working Group (OEWG)

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e) Best practices for future monitoring activities are developed taking into consideration the implementation of CFS workstreams, as outlined in CFS MYPoWs.

On the ACTIVITIES FOR 2016 AND THE TIMEFRAME

- We agree with the proposal of having the sessions of the OEWG early in the year in order to develop and agree as soon as possible on the terms of reference for events since the global thematic event on VGGT should be organized according to these terms of reference.
- We would like to propose that the draft terms of reference that will be discussed by the OEWG in the meeting of the 3rd of February are prepared by a technical task team (TTT). The CSM WG on monitoring is ready to contribute to preparing this draft.
- We would like to explicitly include in the activities the preparatory work for the global thematic event on VGGT starting after the Bureau meeting on April 1.
- We would also like to recommend holding a further session of the OEWG in June in order to discuss the in-depth country level assessments with countries considering volunteering for that activity.”