Zero-draft Proposal on CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Draft Annotated Outline

I - INTRODUCTION

(Factual part; background to SDGs and the Follow-up and Review process; nature of CFS; framing of the paper)

- Key aspects of the 2030 Agenda: transformational approach; integration and interrelations; universality; people-centred; 'leaving no-one behind'; accountability
- SDG Follow-up and Review process: roles of HLPF, ECOSOC and UNGA, expected arrangements on thematic reviews
- Relevant CFS characteristics: inclusiveness, multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral; right to food; evidence-based, complex and interdisciplinary analysis; - references to sections of the Reform Document on vision, model and roles.
- Function of the paper (Reference to MYPOW 2016-17 and Workplan of the OEWG)

II - POINTS OF DEPARTURE

(Basic tenets of the paper; covering - in general - what CFS should and should not do vis-a-vis SDGs)

- No change in mandate of CFS; some working methods may need adaptation (see section IV)
- CFS to focus on food security and nutrition, not on individual SDG2 targets, but on their interrelation with other SDGs; the CFS should also contribute to the discussion on multi-stakeholder partnerships
- What CFS should do, banking on its strengths: (e.g.) continue offer space for global level inclusive policy discussions and development of tools and frameworks, based on
expert advice and sharing of experiences; address issues in a holistic, synergistic manner, and work on interlinkages between SDGs)

- What CFS should not do: (e.g.) implementation, duplication, monitoring of country progress or request country reporting, generating data

III - MEANS OF ENGAGEMENT

(Core of the paper: main functions of the CFS in terms of engaging with the 2030 Agenda)

Three main means can be distinguished:

1. **Support Countries in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and in reaching SDG targets**
   - Support countries in the design of policies (through dissemination of existing and new CFS products);
   - Encourage countries to share lessons and exchange good practices at regional and global levels
   - Encourage and provide guidance for inclusive and participatory monitoring and review at country level

2. **Contribute to the Global Thematic Review**
   - Provide thematic input on 'food security and nutrition SDG progress' to the 'New York' review process, on the basis of CFS discussions/conclusions that are fed by global status reports (incl. SOFI new style), and by thematic reports/sessions.
   - Submit HLPE reports and endorsed CFS policy guidance tools to the HLPF to assist them in making global SDG recommendations

3. **CFS Agenda setting**
   - HLPE Reports to be commissioned on the basis of the 2030 Agenda needs, notably on thematic intersections, related to the interlinkages between SDGs and targets
   - CFS MYPOW reflects HLPF review themes

IV - IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF CFS WORK

(PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SECTION III ON THE PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION OF CFS WORK – DETAILS ON FORM, CONTENTS AND PROCESS TO BE WORKED OUT))

- Alignment of CFS work with HLPF review cycles; this takes two forms:
  - adjustment of dates of CFS plenary to be closer to HLPF dates
  - multi-year planning of CFS to take HLPF cycles (4 year?) into account
Institute 'Gap/Challenge Analysis', i.e. arrange for reviews of 'gaps/challenges' in SDG implementation, related to insufficient progress and its causes, with respect to individual 'food security and nutrition SDGs', to 'combinations of SDGs' and to 'governance'. This 'gap/challenge analysis' would provide signals to the HLPF and be instrumental in CFS Agenda setting. It could be facilitated by the HLPE.

Organise annually special sessions/events on the thematic reporting to the HLPF, either within the Plenary week, or as an intersessional event.

Re-assess existing CFS products and recommendations on their relevance for SDG implementation; the monitoring of implementation of CFS products (incl. through events) feeds into this assessment.

Enhance collaboration with other UN Agencies and global platforms working on issues closely related to FSN

Increase links, visibility and presence in New York