



CFS OEWG-SDGs Call for Written inputs

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Message on behalf of the Chair Mr Willem Olthof

Dear CFS members and participants of the OEWG-SDG,

Many thanks for your participation and the good initial discussion held yesterday 21 January 2016 in our first meeting of the CFS OEWG-SDG.

- As announced at the end of the meeting, you will find attached to this email a revised version of the **OEWG workplan** taking into account comments received. In the absence of any major comment sent to the CFS Secretariat (cfs@fao.org) by Wednesday 27 January COB, the document will be considered finalized and submitted to the Bureau and Advisory Group as a background document for the upcoming meetings on 2nd and 5th of February 2016.
- As also announced previously, OEWG participants are requested to send their **written inputs** to the questions discussed in the meeting (re-attached in word format for ease of convenience), **by 5th February 2016 COB**. Contributions may of course go beyond the suggested questions to address any matter they deem of relevance to our discussion. These inputs will (i) serve as a basis to develop an annotated outline, and (ii) will also be compiled, and made available to all participants (unless there is an explicit request for a contribution be treated as confidential).
- Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to the release last night (excellent timing!), of the UN Secretary General's "**Report of the Secretary-General** on critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level" (attached), which you may find useful when preparing your written inputs.

Specific and interesting mentions to CFS are made in paragraphs 46 (intergovernmental UN bodies and forums reviewing progress and discussing policies in specific areas addressed by the SDGs) and 48 (convening and engaging "the critical actors relevant to their contributions to the 2030 Agenda, including scientists, local governments, business, and representatives of the most vulnerable people").

I wish you all an excellent weekend and look forward to continuing our discussion in the next OEWG meeting on 24 February afternoon.

With best wishes,

Willem Olthof
Chair, CFS OEWG-SDG