

## Outcomes of the global discussions on the follow-up to the Evaluation Meetings of 11 & 14 July 2017

The objectives of the meetings were to discuss and agree on the following:

1. The Consultation Report that presents the results of the consultation process that was conducted in June-July 2017 leading up to CFS 44; comprises response to the evaluation recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 and related draft decisions
2. The Roadmap that includes an indicative schedule to prepare the response to the evaluation recommendations not presented to CFS 44
3. Categorization of recommendations for the preparation of the response to the CFS Evaluation
4. Meetings in September and how to best use the time allocated for the evaluation at CFS 44

### 1. Consultation report

There was consensus on submitting the consultation report to CFS 44 for endorsement. Participants agreed to simplify the text in the Action boxes to be less prescriptive and for the details to be included in the chapeau text of each recommendation instead. Regarding process, it was agreed that the implementing body for finalizing the Plan of Action and implementing the response to the recommendations during the 2018 intersessional period would be the Bureau, after consultation with the Advisory Group, seeking additional inputs as needed. It was proposed to give time to the new Bureau, which will be appointed at CFS 44, to appoint its Advisory Group until March 2018 so that it can review its composition and processes to ensure effective functioning, related to Recommendation 4.

#### Recommendation 1

Several participants stressed the fact that Recommendations 1 and 2 were interlinked and it was agreed that the response would be discussed and implemented together. There was agreement on developing the strategic content of a medium to long term MYPoW (A1.1). Participants had mixed views regarding whether the six roles set out in the Reform Document had to be clarified, reviewed or operationalized. Some participants suggested that what was requested was to clarify the contribution of the six roles to achieving CFS' vision, and the modalities for carrying out these roles (including how and by whom they should be implemented), based on experience gained since the reform. Details on developing the strategic content would be included in the chapeau text rather than as an action to be taken as these would be worked out during the implementation process. The envisaged timeline for completion was by March 2018, for endorsement at CFS 45.

#### Recommendation 2

There were suggestions to simplify the criteria to assist prioritization of activities in the chapeau text, and to make specific reference to Agenda 2030 for the development of a proposal for a new MYPoW structure and process (A2.1). A2.1, A2.2 and A2.4 were expected to be completed by June 2018, for endorsement at CFS 45. Participants also felt that it was important to give plenary the opportunity to propose, discuss and give guidance on critical, emerging and urgent food security and nutrition issues to inform the preparation of MYPoW (2.3) and this would be done by February for plenary in October each year.

### Recommendation 3

Participants agreed on the need to develop and implement a resource mobilization strategy to support CFS priorities, with clear and robust safeguards to prevent potential conflicts of interest regarding funding (A3.1). This would be done by the CFS Secretariat by June 2018, with advice from RBAs and after consultation with CSM. It was also agreed to diversify the financing base to Members, private foundations, the private sector, and financial institutions (A3.2). It was foreseen that both A3.1 and A3.2 would require further funding.

On contributions by RBAs, there was agreement for the CFS Chair to request RBAs to contribute the full amount of their stated contributions with guiding principles for cash and in-kind contributions and to formalize their contributions for sustainability (A3.3). The request to RBAs to adjust their contribution to cover the core budget for CFS Plenary and Workstreams starting from 2020-21 biennium by CFS Members during RBA Governing Body meetings was deemed important and would be aligned with governing bodies' calendars in 2018 (A3.4).

There were also requests for a budget update to plenary and the CFS Secretary clarified that budget information was currently presented to plenary via the CFS Annual Progress Report and the MYPoW. A3.5 would be updated to clarify any need for, and provide, additional information on actual expenditure and budget allocation decisions, and consider how to improve the accessibility and transparency of information (A3.5).

### Recommendation 5

Participants agreed that plenary needed to be vibrant and the agenda would need to attract Ministers and high-level representatives. Many suggestions on how this can be achieved were provided and would be included in the chapeau text for reference, for the preparation of the proposal which was envisaged to be completed by February 2018.

### Recommendation 6

Participants agreed on the need to streamline the Open Ended Working Groups (OEWGs), and proposed for the Bureau and Advisory Group to clarify their roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis the OEWGs, with a view of the Bureau and Advisory Group to look into interrelated, non-thematic issues while the OEWGs focus on substantive issues. This would be discussed in further detail in the 2018 intersessional period.

There was agreement on the need to establish criteria with specific conditions enabling decisions on whether an OEWG is needed or whether existing OEWGs should continue. Clear Terms of Reference (TORs) would be drawn up for OEWGs that meet the criteria as well as for alternative working arrangements (which includes Technical Task Teams). The TORs would be time-bound and any extension would be a deliberate decision.

### Draft decisions

It was agreed that the consultation report would be for endorsement at CFS 44. The Bureau, after consultation with the Advisory Group, and seeking additional input as needed, would:

- Finalize the Plan of Action for endorsement at CFS 45, as outlined in the roadmap, by preparing the response to all recommendations that have not been presented to CFS 44.
- Implement the response to the recommendations that do not require plenary endorsement, as listed in categorization of recommendations.
- Implement the response to Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, based on the indications in consultation report.

Participants also agreed on giving the Bureau a mandate to exceptionally appoint its Advisory Group until March 2018 in order to enable a review of the composition and processes of the Advisory Group to ensure that it is able to perform its functions effectively, in response to CFS Evaluation recommendation 4; recognizing that Rule IV of the CFS Rules of Procedure states the appointment of the Bureau's Advisory Group is for two years.

## **2. Roadmap for the preparation of the Plan of Action in response to the CFS Evaluation**

It was agreed that the roadmap would be revised to give the Bureau the responsibility, after consultation with the Advisory Group and seeking additional inputs as needed, to finalize the Plan of Action to be presented at CFS 45.

## **3. Categorization of recommendations for the preparation of the response to the CFS Evaluation**

There was agreement to revise the wording of Category II to be "does not require plenary endorsement; but will be submitted to CFS 45 for information", and to clarify that the recommendations listed in the categorization were the original evaluation recommendations.

## **4. Meetings in September and how to best use the time allocated for the evaluation at CFS 44**

Participants requested to discuss in order of sequence, recommendations 8 (Expectations of CFS Chairperson), 9 (Revising the structure of CFS Secretariat) and 4 (Reviewing composition and processes of Bureau and Advisory Group) during the September meetings and the CFS Secretariat was requested to look into possible dates to facilitate this, including reaching out to past and current CFS Chairs to attend the discussion on recommendation 8 to share insights on their experiences. Depending on progress of the meetings, outcomes could be for decision or for information at CFS 44.

There was a suggestion on discussing the evaluation recommendations at plenary to illicit ownership and feedback on what should be done (Plan of Action) and how it would be implemented.

## **Conclusion and Follow-up**

The co-facilitators and CFS Secretariat would revise the consultation report, roadmap and categorization of recommendations and submit these for the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting on 20 July for discussion, and subsequently for the Bureau meeting on 21 July for decision.

The CFS Secretariat would look into possible dates for the meetings in September, and in particular for the discussion on recommendation 8 (Expectations of CFS Chairperson), to liaise with the past and current CFS Chairs to attend to share their experiences.