



Open Ended Working Group (OEWG)

Urbanization, rural transformation

Date: 2 December 2016

Time: 9.30 – 12.30

Location: FAO, Philippines room

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Objective, outcomes, output (for discussion and agreement)
3. Process (for discussion and agreement)
4. Areas for policy attention (for discussion)
5. Template for submissions (for discussion)
6. AOB

Outcomes

The Chair of the OEWG, H.E. Hans Hoogeveen, introduced the agenda, including the need to reach agreement on the objectives, outcomes, output, and process for the OEWG. The revised document CFS_OEWG_Urb_Rur_transf_Process_2_Dec_Rev which reflects the outcomes of the discussions is attached as an Annex. Participants specifically discussed the following:

Objective:

- Should reflect the focus on policy convergence of the CFS
- Should note that any decision on further work would take place at CFS44 in the context of adopting the MYPOW

Output:

- The output should include both a selection of case studies, a synthesis of the lessons and good practices shared and the resulting key messages .
- One of the selection criteria for including cases should be their policy relevance for food security and nutrition.
- All material received should be made available, but only a selection should be used for the synthesis and output document.

Process:

- Half day meeting in February should be used to agree on policy areas for attention and selection criteria based on input and guidance from the technical task team.
- A full day, and if needed potentially 1.5 day, meeting in June will be conducted to agree on the final output.

- In advance of the June meeting, the full output document with synthesis and draft key messages will be prepared and circulated in all languages.

The areas for policy attention and the template for submissions were both preliminarily discussed but not agreed and will be finalized at the February meeting based on input from the Technical Task Team. The OEWG requested that their discussion be reflected in a summary to be shared with the Technical Task Team to facilitate their work. Highlights of the discussion included:

Areas for Policy Attention:

- The areas for policy attention identified at CFS plenary should be of similar nature or grouped accordingly, e.g. not mixing means with outcomes or interventions.
- There is a need to clarify the distinction between the areas of ‘overarching policy attention’ and the ‘changing dynamics for policy attention’, as mentioned in doc CFS 2016/43/11, and what will or won’t be covered in the compilation.
- The areas should benefit CFS, thus focus on food security and nutrition.
- The current list is too broad and there is a need to focus in.
- Participants highlighted a number of areas of priority including migration, territorial approaches, rural responses to urbanization, urban food insecurity, and secondary cities, among others.

Template for Submissions:

There were no comments from stakeholders on the examples provided and it was agreed that the task team should work to develop the most appropriate template to ensure the highest quality of cases included in the compilation.

AOB

Written input on the areas for policy attention, criteria or template can be sent to the Secretariat by 9 December.