

Monitoring other CFS Policy Recommendations - Joint proposal from Italy and CSM

The UNSCN appreciates the Joint proposal made by Italy and the CSM but, as mentioned during the Bureau and Advisory Group meeting in July, we believe it would not be easy to monitor the use and application of the proposed CFS policy recommendations, considering how recent they are (especially the *“Linking small holders to markets”* and the *“Sustainable agricultural development”*). However, we favour a focus on Family and small holders considering the Decade of Family Farming that has been proclaimed for 2019-2028. Thus, we would suggest to use a stocktaking event at CFS46 to monitor the use and applications of a set of CFS policy recommendations for their **impact on family farmers**. This would allow CFS to monitor and assess a wider and cross-sectoral set of policy recommendations.

The Proposal by Italy and CSM also refers to the monitoring of the 2030 Agenda by the High Level Political Forum. This is an important element. The year 2019 is an important year since two important meetings will take place: the HLPF in July, during which a set of SDGs will be reviewed (4, 10, 13, 16 and 17). SDG 10 which looks at inequalities is interesting in this regard. Also, during the UN General Assembly a larger event will be organised to monitor progress across the entire agenda. This would create an additional opportunity for CFS input, promoting the cross sectoral approaches as well as the centrality of FSN in the overall 2030 Agenda.

UNSCN would therefore suggest to select a package of policy recommendations including: *“Investing in smallholder agriculture for food security”* (SDGs 16 and 17), but also *“Food security and climate change”* (SDG13), *“Social protection for food security”* (SDGs 10, 16 and 17), *“How to increase food security and smallholder sensitive investments in agriculture”* (SDGs 10, 13, 16 and 17), and *“Water for food security and nutrition”* (International Decade for Action (2018-2028) – Water for Sustainable Development). The package should look at the impact on family farmers focusing on the Food security and nutrition status (in the context of the Nutrition Decade) and access to (productive) resources such as water (and land)

Bearing in mind SDG10 (equality), we very much support the proposal by Italy/CSM to mainstream messages from the *“Forum on Women’s empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition”* into the exercise.

As shown above, UNSCN suggests to consider to integrate the current three interconnected Decades (Family Farmers, Water and Nutrition) in the monitoring exercise. These topics are extremely relevant for the work of CFS and have indeed been addressed in one or several (potential) policy documents. In short, the CFS can look at impact on the **nutrition** and food security of **family farmers/farming** of a certain set of policy papers (including **water**).