



24 September 2018

Mexico Room, FAO

CFS Bureau and Advisory Group Meeting: 9.30-12.30 and 14.00-17.00

Annex H of the Evaluation Implementation Report

Composition and processes of the Advisory Group

1. Each Bureau has the prerogative to establish the process of interaction with the Advisory Group (AG) and a high degree of autonomy in deciding the size of the AG and the distribution of seats among the five categories of the AG, within the limits set by the Plenary (currently maximum 14 seats).
2. Regarding **the process** of interaction with the AG, Bureaus could consider the following elements:
 - i. Developing clear requests to the AG, as needed, to provide more substantive input, (while also keeping in mind the role of the HLPE and OEWGs);
 - ii. Clarifying the support it needs from its AG, encouraging the provision of relevant expertise in alignment with the CFS MYPoW, keeping in mind AG members actively participate in the OEWGs where they provide substantive inputs;
 - iii. Informing the AG sufficiently in advance of meetings regarding specific inputs that are requested from them;
 - iv. Establishing the calendar and schedule of meetings – with due attention to the RBAs shared calendar;
 - v. Developing more strategic agendas of meetings to make better use of the AG, recognizing the Bureau's decision-making role, and take into account the workload;
 - vi. Ensuring remote participation of AG members through audio or video conferencing facilities.
3. Regarding **the composition** of the AG, the current maximum of 14 seats was generally considered adequate, taking into account the provision for ad hoc participation. Therefore, consideration should be given to making the best use of existing provisions to enhance participation and inclusiveness:



- a) Encouraging AG members to strengthen their coordination roles within their constituencies to enhance the two-way flow of information and viewpoints. This would keep the AG small and effective while including as many sources of knowledge and advice as possible. It would also include a revision of the AG reporting exercise to attach more importance to coordination activities of members in general and more visibility to the work of the AG and their outreach and coordination activities within their constituencies. AG members should consider successful coordination experiences, e.g. research organizations which could lead to the formation of other mechanisms, building on the experience of the CSM and PSM, to ensure more inclusiveness. (The Bureau will encourage this process).
- b) Establishing guidance for potential candidates/organizations who are interested in participating in the AG and for Bureau’s consideration of these requests.

Proposed new para 26 in the core section of the report:

“The Bureau will encourage AG members to strengthen their coordination roles and establish guidance for potential candidates/ organizations who are interested in participating in AG and for Bureau’s consideration of these requests”.