



Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

CFS OEWG-SDGs Meeting # 2

Date: 1 June 2018

Time: 9.30-12.30

Location: Red Room, FAO Hq

Outcomes

1- Opening by the Chair

The meeting was opened by Willem Olthof, Chair of the Open Ended Working Group on SDGs, who presented the agenda and the objectives for the meeting.

2- Relevant updates

The CFS Secretariat informed OEWG members that the HLPF (9-18 July, New York) will include a report by the Secretary General, as well as 47 national voluntary reviews. CFS is one of the 37 contributors among multilateral organizations. The CFS contribution to the HLPF has been posted on their website. As in the past two years, CFS has placed a request for a side event and is awaiting feedback on whether a slot was allocated. Preparations for the ministerial declaration are underway. Further updates on HLPF 2018 preparations, including on the CFS side event, will be shared at the next SDG-OEWG meeting scheduled for 25 June.

OEWG members were also informed by the Chair about a letter posted on the FAO members gateway encouraging Members to share the CFS 2018 contribution to the HLPF with their counterparts in New York.

The Chair concluded the item encouraging Member countries that will be participating in the voluntary national reviews to also submit their inputs to CFS. Submissions will be presented at CFS 45 in the context of the lesson sharing event scheduled for the morning of Friday 19 October.

3- Brainstorming on 2019 CFS contribution: approach, methodology, expected output

The Chair opened the item by informing OEWG members of the format of the 2019 HLPF which, in addition to in-depth reviewing 6 SDGs, will be carrying out a review of all SDGs through a high level event. The Chair noted the need for the OEWG to discuss how CFS intends to contribute to such high level event. The Chair also noted that the Plenary mandate for CFS to contribute to the HLPF only extends to 2019 and that further engagement modalities will have to be thought through and discussed.

Several OEWG members requested the Secretariat and OEWG Chair to develop a structured proposal on the way forward for the next OEWG meeting, taking into account the lessons learned from CFS engagement in the HLPF agenda so far.



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4- Draft outline CFS contribution to the 2019 HLPF

Following a brief presentation of the draft outline, the Secretariat took note of the comments and suggestions made by OEWG members which, in collaboration with the Technical Task Team, will be incorporated in a First Draft version to be discussed at the next OEWG meeting.

5. Next steps

It was agreed that written comments on the draft outline contribution for 2019 will be received until Monday 11 June COB and that a First Draft will be circulated to OEWG members by Friday 15 June COB.

The Chair noted that the expected outcome of the 25 June OEWG meeting is to reach agreement on the key messages.