



Final note from the OEWG-SDG Chair

Dear CFS Members and stakeholders,

Let me thank you once again for the constructive engagement in Tuesday's OEWG meeting, which allowed us to remain on schedule for the timely finalization of the Committee's contribution to the 2018 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) progress review on "Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies".

While keeping to the spirit of the document agreed in CFS 44 Plenary last October, the inputs shared in advance by a number of Members and stakeholders contributed to improving the overall quality of the contribution. This will facilitate possible uptake of our key messages during negotiations on the ministerial outcomes in New York and the preparation of the 2018 HLPF, and draw governments' attention to the existence of CFS policy products which can guide their efforts to achieve sustainable development in an integrated way.

As announced at the end of our meeting, I am happy to share with you the proposed version which includes amendments agreed during the meeting. This version also includes, as agreed, a brief factual section referring to the latest findings of the report on Global Food Crises, just launched today Thursday 22 March.

This version is circulated to you to check that changes (in TC) correctly reflect the outcomes of discussions on 20 March.

I would ask you to flag at the very latest **by Tuesday 27 March COB** any amendment that would not reflect the agreement reached in the OEWG.

The contribution will then be edited for editorial consistency by the Secretariat and forwarded to the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group for final clearance, after which it will officially be conveyed by our Chair of CFS to the office of the President of ECOSOC, and support the CFS Chair's outreach efforts in New York and globally.

I trust that this contribution will also facilitate CFS members and stakeholders in their outreach and in keeping food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture high on the global agenda!

Regards,
Willem Olthof, OEWG-SDG Chair