

CSM Remarks on scope and expected outcomes of the follow-up event on Sustainable Forestry:

Scope and content:

The event should discuss the relation between commercial plantations and food security and nutrition, as suggested by the CFS 44 plenary (see CFS 44 final report paragraph 21d).

Following on from the HLPE report and the policy recommendations on sustainable forestry and food security and nutrition, the CFS event should address the relation between plantations and FSN by generating a genuine, participated and inclusive debate while paying special attention to small-scale food producers. As such it is imperative that experiences, perspectives and analysis from the grassroots and the perspectives of local and affected communities are properly included.

The event should bring together all the views relevant to the topic that are actively engaged as members or participants of the CFS, including the RBAs, and should ensure the link to the previous process on Forestry. The HLPE report provides relevant analysis and indicates some areas of consideration such as genetic diversity, biodiversity, food safety nets, nutritional value, income and employment. The policy recommendations also offer some connecting considerations and perspectives, such as small-scale food producers' social, cultural, spiritual, political and economic relationships with forests.

In terms of participation and panelists, it is essential that representatives of the communities affected by commercial tree plantations with regards to their food security, nutrition and livelihoods, are invited as speakers to the event. We also suggest including an input from civil society experts with a record of specialized research on the impact of plantations on local and forest-dependent communities.

Moreover, up-to-date analysis and research on the relation between commercial tree plantation and food security and nutrition should be provided and presented by experts from CIFOR and the HLPE.

To allow for an in-depth and interactive discussion among the diversity of relevant actors, including member states, RBAs, affected communities, small-scale food producers, experts, private sector, research and academia, we believe at least a 1-day event is needed. The event should also be interpreted to ensure inclusiveness.

Expected outcomes:

The CFS event will make a significant contribution to the global debate around commercial tree plantations and food security and nutrition by creating an inclusive debate that brings together relevant actors from all sides and will visualize the areas of agreement and divergence among the different actors.

The moderator's report or chair's summary of the event should include the outcomes of the event and could visualize the areas of agreement, the areas of divergence and other substantial outcomes of the discussion.