

## Draft Work Plan of the Urbanization and Rural Transformation Workstream in 2018

### Decisions of the Committee at CFS 44 (CFS 2017/44 Draft Report):

28. The Committee:

Agreed that CFS should continue its work in 2018 to carry out further exploratory work through two intersessional events in order to determine at CFS 45 the feasibility of working towards policy convergence to support governments and other stakeholders at the national and local level in addressing food security and nutrition within the context of changing rural-urban dynamics as elaborated in paras 19-27 of the 2018-2019 CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW).

Excerpt from MYPoW 2017-2018

24. Taking into consideration the interest expressed by CFS stakeholders in continuing to explore both general and specific issues pertaining to the broad topic of urbanization and rural transformation in relation to food security and nutrition, it is proposed that in 2018 two intersessional events be held to integrate additional knowledge and new research findings.

25. The intersessional events will be organized with the support of the Technical Task Team (TTT) set up in 2016 and seeking input from the HLPE Steering Committee. They will be informed by the outcomes of the work carried out by CFS in 2016 through the Forum on Urbanization, Rural Transformation and Implications for Food Security and Nutrition, and the work of the OEWG in 2017 to compile experiences and effective policy approaches in addressing food security and nutrition in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics. The intersessional events should focus on issues where CFS has a particular value to add, recognizing there are many institutions working on the topic and new knowledge being generated.

26. The two proposed focus areas for the intersessional events are: i) the food security and nutrition impacts of urbanization and rural transformation on lower income groups (smallholders, landless, net food buyers, informal sector traders, low income urban consumers) and how to address them and their root causes; and ii) Promoting youth and women engagement and employment in food systems across the rural-urban continuum, including linking producers to markets.

27. A Chair's summary will be prepared for each of the two events, followed by an overall Chair's summary which will be informally shared with CFS stakeholders before its submission to CFS 45 with the purpose of facilitating an informed discussion around the CFS added value and feasibility of a policy convergence exercise.

### **I. OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

To carry out further exploratory work through two intersessional events in order to determine at CFS 45 the feasibility of working towards policy convergence to support governments and other stakeholders at the national and local level in addressing food security and nutrition within the context of changing rural-urban dynamics.

### **II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- Additional knowledge and new research findings are shared and discussed by CFS stakeholders;
- Further elements to assess the feasibility of working towards policy convergence are considered.

### III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
Bureau and Advisory Group to discuss the Work plan of the OEWG	Bureau/AG meeting on 21 November 2017 Bureau meeting on 21 November 2017
CFS Secretariat with the support of the Technical Task Team to develop concept note and draft agenda of the first intersessional event	By mid-January 2018
Bureau and Advisory Group to discuss concept note and draft agenda of the first intersessional event	Bureau/AG meeting on 31 January 2018 Bureau meeting on 2 February 2018
1 <sup>st</sup> intersessional event - Food security and nutrition impacts of urbanization and rural transformation on lower income groups	6 April 2018
CFS Secretariat with the support of the Technical Task Team to develop a concept note and draft agenda of the first intersessional event	By mid-April 2018
Bureau and Advisory Group to discuss concept note and draft agenda of the second intersessional event	Bureau/AG meeting on 7 May 2018 Bureau meeting on 10 May 2018
2 <sup>nd</sup> intersessional event - Promoting youth and women engagement and employment in food systems across the rural-urban continuum	22 June 2018
Bureau and Advisory Group to discuss outcomes of the two intersessional events based on the Chair's summaries	Bureau/AG meeting on 23 July 2018 Bureau meeting on 25 July 2018

### III. TECHNICAL TASK TEAM

A technical task team, comprising individuals designated by the Advisory Group representatives supports the CFS Secretariat with the preparation of the intersessional events. The Technical Task Team (TTT) was set-up in November 2016 and comprises representatives from FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNSCN, UN Habitat, the CFS Civil Society Mechanism and the CFS Private Sector Mechanism. They were nominated by the AG representatives on the basis of their technical expertise on urbanization, rural transformation and food systems. They participate in their individual capacity.