

SWISS COMMENTS

A: CFS contribution to HLPF 2018

General comment: very good progress!

Key Messages

- Welcome very much the concentration on 3 messages, The shorter, and preciser, the better! This is very helpful to facilitate integration into the Ministerial Declaration as well as in national interventions and statement – Particularly welcome KM 1 on access since this was already a topic at the HLPF 2017 and is also important for the SDGs under review in 2018
- The interaction of the goals under review with FSN and SA could be highlighted in more plain terms. As the report of the previous OEWG states: “the role of the goals under in depth review (sanitation, energy, sustainable production and consumption, sustainable rural-urban links, etc) to advance FSN, as well as the importance of FSN to achieve the goals under review ('duality of causality').”

Part a)

- Question a) was key for the thematic reviews at the HLPF 2017. However, the answer to the question was lacking in the session on SDG 2. We therefore suggest to be more specific in answering the question. This will also help to bring inputs on concrete progress in HLPF 2018. Statements are often way too general and many people indicated, that they do not see the added value of this, when discussing on the review of implementation of the SDGs. Concrete numbers and actions on relevant topics including water, energy consumption and biofuels, soil degradation, food loss and waste would be highly appreciated!

Part b)

- We strongly support the statement that the HLPF should draw attention to the policy guidelines of CFS!
- Very concrete recommendations but we would propose to be even more concise, and to limit ourselves to the policy recommendations strongly linked to the SDGs under review in 2018. For example:
 - Maintain:
 - **Tenure/VGGT:** High correlation to SDG15: Maintain
 - **Water for FSN:** SDG 6
 - **Biofuels:** SDG7
 - **Urbanization:** Link to SDG11 but make link clearer
 - **Sustainable agriculture and food systems:** Link to SDG12 but make link clearer
 - **Linking smallholders:** Linked to many SDGs under review - Make link clearer, how the implementation of these policy recommendations contribute to Agenda 2030
 - **Food loss and waste:** Linked to SDG12 but make link clearer
 - **RAI:** link to SDG17 under review each year
 - Keep for HLPF 2019
 - **CFS-FFA:** in the context of SDG16
 - **Social protection:** in the context of SDG 10
 - **Food security and climate change:** in the context of SDG 13
 - Address next time SDGs is under review
 - **Gender:** SDG 5 address under HLPF 2017
 - **Sustainable agricultural development:** SDG 2 address under HLPF 2017
 - **Food price spikes:** In the context of FSN and SDG2, reviewed 2017
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- **Youth:** We fully support the importance of addressing youth, but the paragraph as it is written now is not really linked to the CFS and FSN&SA. It should be linked clearer to agriculture referring to a SDG under review (eg sustainable agriculture and food system under SDG12). At this year's HLPF, it was already discussed; young people have great difficulties in receiving and having access to financial matters to be able to engage in the sector. Further, they need to see how appealing and attractive the agriculture sector can be for them and how they can make a living of it. Next to technology, the basis for them to become innovative entrepreneurs have to be provided be it through secure and sustainable financial support, linking them to other young farmers, training etc. This para should also be linked to relevant CFS products to give it more significance.

B. Draft CFS 44 decision

We welcome the decision text, only detail, under letter b): Replace “meet SDG2 targets by 2030” with “meet SDG2 and related targets by 2030”, or “meet SDG targets related to Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture by 2030”