i. Strategic objectives to strengthen the strategic content of the next MYPoW

(CFS stakeholders are invited to propose succinct text and/or provide specific suggestions on how to improve the strategic objectives proposed in the <u>background document of 24 January evaluation meeting</u>, or propose new ones.)

Proposal

A. Taking as a model the chart provided for the January 24th discussion, Italy believes that the following text should be added in the upper, broad strategic reference that the three Strategic Directions (1&2 in particular) aim to achieve:

"Contributing to achieve SDG2, by focusing on the nexus and interlinkages between SDG2 and other SDGs and targets"

Rationale

We decided to elaborate a MYPoW with a new structure, with a standing section to incorporate new strategic references in addition to the CFS vision described in the Reform document, taking in account the fact that the reform is ten years old, and the global context has changed.

Therefore, as it goes without saying that Agenda 2030 and SDGs must be incorporated in the strategic element of the new MYPoW, so do the **unique** role CFS can have in contributing to their achievement.

<u>CFS Stakeholders agree</u> on this unique capacity of the Committee as stated in the CFS document from Plenary 43 "**CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda**" (CFS 2016/43/6).

Quotes:

- "Sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition, although primarily addressed together by SDG 2 are linked with many issues covered by other SDGs. By its very **nature** (*multistakeholder*, *inclusive*, *multidimensional perspective*, *ndr*) and **scope**, **the work of CFS supports the achievement of SDG 2 as well as the linkages with food security and nutrition dimensions of other goals of the 2030 Agenda".**
- "As an example, VGGT are directly relevant to SDG 1, 2, 5, 10, 13, 16 and 17, with indirect contribution to many additional SDGs. The Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA), works on the **nexus** between food security, nutrition, resilience of livelihoods, and peace and security with many other contributions"
- "CFS can contribute to a more thorough understanding of the linkages between SDG2 and other goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for enhanced policy coherence.
- "The OEWG MYPoW may consider work on the "nexus" between SDG 2 and other goals and targets in the Agenda, to improve understanding among stakeholders on the challenges and opportunities for addressing food security, improved nutrition and sustainable agriculture across the SDGs.

Stop quoting.

Conclusion

<u>CFS can have a real added value in contributing to the implementation of the Agenda 2030 that has to be defined strategically, underlining the unicity of CFS potential contribution.</u>

- B. On the proposed Strategic Directions, we would like to propose the following amendments:
 - 1. Platform. "Use CFS' inclusive, multistakeholder, evidence-based, etc etc(...)
 - 2. <u>Policy</u>. **Remove** "taking into account RBAs work".

RBAs work is <u>one of</u> the criteria that should be applied to identify in practice the topics to be included in the rolling section of the MYPoW, but **doesn't look strategic**, in the sense of **defining the essence of CFS activity**.

ii. Criteria for selecting MYPoW activities

(CFS stakeholders are invited to propose new criteria or suggest how to improve existing ones (current criteria are listed in Annex 5 of the background document of 24 January evaluation meeting).)

A. The current first two criteria listed in document CFS 2015/42/12 are 1) CFS mandate and added value, and 2) contribution to CFS overall objective.

We propose to MERGE the two criteria in one, and name it "Correspondence to the Strategic content", and elaborate the explanatory part as follows: "CFS is the best placed to carry out the proposed activity, that is coherent with the Committee's strategic vision, references and directions contained in the MYPoW standing section. The proposed activity is therefore suitable to highlight CFS added value in understanding how links and nexus between SDG2 and other goals and targets work, across a range of crosscutting issues, to identify possible synergies and falls into one or more CFS strategic directions."

Rationale

It seems appropriate that once a standing section in the MYPoW is created, the first criteria for the compilation of the rolling section should be its correspondence to the standing one.

It is moreover again useful to remember that stakeholders agreed in CFS 2016/43/6 that "A selection criterion assessing the relationship of a given topic with the 2030 Agenda is proposed to be added to the CFS guidance note for selecting and prioritizing future work and activities"

- B. Additional criterias should then be added (or mentioned in the explanatory part of the current existing criteria No duplication, Relevance, Global impact):
 - -RBAs future work
 - -HLPE note on critical and emerging issues
 - -HLPF SDGs Review calendar

iii. <u>Definition of MYPoW comprehensive planning phase</u>

(Your inputs on the definition of a comprehensive planning phase to identify priority areas of work for MYPoW are also welcome (see Action A2.4 of the <u>Consultation Report for the preparation of the response to the CFS Evaluation</u>).)

A process that could be envisaged is the following

1. Bureau- supported by Secretariat/TTT – prepares a <u>first list of possible topics with expected</u> <u>outcomes</u>, explaining in detail how do they correspond to the above mentioned criteria

- 2. Stakeholders are given the possibility to add topics (not more than one) that in their views deserve to be included in the list (also explaining the match with the above mentioned criteria and expected outcomes)
- 3. The final list with **budget implications** is discussed in OEWG
- 4. A new shorter list is prepared, based on the outcomes of the meeting.
- 5. This reviewed (and shorter) list is further discussed and approved.