

**PSM COMMENTS ON IMPLEMENTATION REPORT ZERO DRAFT AND  
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (April 10th).**

**Co-facilitators' Proposal- Zero draft**

Para 1. While we accept the RD is the 'cornerstone' of CFS work it is, in the light of subsequent statements in the Zero Draft (ZD) and the evaluation report, presumptuous to consider that it 'will remain' such a cornerstone as CFS may well evolve in new directions. Therefore suggest to delete 'and will remain'.

Paras 3/4. Good, well stated.

Para 5. (2nd sentence). Not sure it is realistic to suggest that CFS has challenges 'in changing the global architecture'; this is way beyond mandate of CFS. Suggest to delete.

Para 6. Suggest it is possible to merge 'Demand Driven' with ' Prioritization', (further comments on these sections below).

Para 7. Good, a more nuanced view of the RD.

Para 8. While 'inclusiveness' is a key principle it is unrealistic to suggest that 'linkages to reality on the ground' or 'flexibility in implementation' are either principles or unique to CFS. Suggest to delete references to principles. It is not clear that 'better FSN' is dependent on the Voluntary Guidelines .....as inferred by text.

Para 9. Typo, 4th line. Replace 'or' with 'in'.

Para 10. Current SOs are worded as activities and group several sequential activities. Suggest rephrasing:

CFS Plenary is the world-leading and foremost inclusive platform with Ministerial presence creating political momentum generating both new ideas and priorities for CFS work

Global policy messages and guidance for policy convergence and coherence to address FSN issues presented biannually to CFS Plenary

CFS products adopted at policy level by at least 10 member states per year

Para 11. The last sentence contradicts actual wording of current (and amended) SOs. It would be more appropriate to cross-reference the SDGs.

Para 12. This is a long list of, arguably, new objectives, that contradict the stated SOs and open up the MYPoW process to adopt a wide range of activities. Not clear why RBA strategic objectives are included and not other UN agencies or member state objectives.

Para 14. If 'Demand Driven' and 'Prioritization' are combined then para 14 can be aligned/merged with para 17 (and with para 12) and para 20.

Para 18/19. Good, this description of MYPoW criteria is more in keeping with the comments made by several CFS stakeholders to have a more selective and focussed MYPoW process.

Para 22. Not clear on what other issues than 'substantive' that HLPE would interact with AG on. And 'focussed interventions' would be a 'sine que non' of efficient working practices. In practice, the priority would be for HLPE to ensure it takes 'evidence' and 'science-based' documentation from a wide and informed research of all available materials from public and private sources, fully cognisant of issues of conflict of interest.

Para 23. Suggest to bring para 15 into this section.

Para 26. Could well be amalgamated into para 12/14/17 on MYPoW.

### **Background documentation: Recommendation 1**

Depending on size/space of IR, suggest to incorporate Result Chain for CFS, and include Strategic Objectives.

Table on Reform document linkages not needed, key points can be summarised.

### **Background documentation: Recommendation 2**

SOs to be added (para 9 and 14) and stronger linkage to SDGs in MYPoW.

Commitment of CFS Stakeholders (para 14-d) is critical both as criteria and as part of Planning phase (17-b).

PSM agrees (para 17-c) on role of Bureau to take decision on MYPoW activities to include and that Bureau discuss 'detailed work plans' (para 17-e).

**Background documentation: Recommendation 10**

PSM agrees that Table 1 ("Promoting accountability") an effective and efficient process to promote accountability and share best practice.