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## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPONSE TO THE CFS EVALUATION

### RECOMMENDATION 7

#### CFS ENDORSED RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 7

*CFS Members have primary responsibility for promoting CFS and the use and application of CFS policy products and recommendations, but support is needed from all stakeholders as part of a collective effort, as underlined in the response to Recommendation 11. In particular, support is needed for developing capacity in developing and least developed countries to use and apply CFS policy products and recommendations. A number of activities are being implemented in countries, led by governments, Rome-based agencies (RBAs), participating organisations of the CSM, PSM and other stakeholders, but there is no consolidated overview of these activities.*

*The following elements were suggested to facilitate communication and awareness:*

- *Nomination by CFS members of a CFS focal point at country-level in the most relevant ministry or multi-stakeholder platform to promote the dissemination and use and application of CFS policy outcomes and report on CFS-related activities in countries.*
- *Establishing or leveraging on existing food security and nutrition multi-stakeholder platforms and structures at regional and country levels, that are inclusive, particularly to those most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition, with, where feasible and suitable, the active engagement of the RBAs and their country offices*
- *Involvement of ministries and all relevant actors, including experts from capital from the beginning in policy convergence processes to increase ownership of policy convergence outputs at country and regional levels.*
- *Increased collaboration and engagement with, and strengthened commitment from RBAs to: (i) facilitate the use and application of CFS policy convergence work in countries, at the request of countries, including through work programs and partnership agreements with countries and stakeholders and (ii) support the development of communication and outreach materials, in line with the response to Recommendation 11.*
- *Packaging CFS outputs in a simpler and concise way, tailoring them to different audiences (e.g. toolkits, checklists, briefs, key messages, tools), subject to resource availability.*
- *Encouraging the RBAs, through the appropriate channels, to include CFS as a regular agenda item in their Governing Body meetings.*

- *Inviting member countries to make voluntary commitments and draft concrete plans on the use and application of CFS products, and presenting the results of their efforts at Plenary.*
- *Collecting experiences at country level on existing food security and nutrition multi-stakeholder platforms and structures.*
- *Inviting Member countries to strengthen the links between CFS policy processes and outcomes and ongoing initiatives and agendas of regional intergovernmental mechanisms and organisations, to strengthen policy coherence at this level.*

*Point (iii) of the recommendation is addressed under Actions A3.1 and A3.2 of the Consultation Report for the preparation of the response to the CFS evaluation<sup>1</sup>, endorsed at CFS 44.*

<b>Actions to be taken</b>	<b>Implementing body</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Further funding required (Y or N)</b>
<i>A7.1. Prepare a proposal for actions that could be taken by Members, supported where needed by other stakeholders, to improve the functioning of CFS and to better promote the dissemination, use and application of CFS policy outcomes.</i>	<i>Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group</i>	<i>By June 2018</i>	<i>N</i>

## **PROPOSAL FOR ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY MEMBERS**

A number of actions are presented below for consideration of CFS stakeholders, based on the proposed elements included in the agreed response to recommendation 7. They represent an initial attempt to address the suggestions made with a view to better promoting the use and application of CFS products and recommendations. The purpose of the discussion at the Evaluation meeting on 20 March is to get inputs and comments concerning the suggested actions in order to be able to develop the proposal to be presented for endorsement at CFS 45. These actions are clustered in three main thematic areas.

### **1. Promote interaction between CFS and relevant actors at regional and national levels**

- a) CFS Members and other relevant stakeholders to contribute to the creation of a CFS repository as a first step to promote interaction between the Committee and relevant actors on the ground. This repository would include:
  - i. List of regional and national multistakeholder platforms in the field on food security and nutrition, functions and actors involved;

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<sup>1</sup> Consultation Report for the preparation of the response to the CFS Evaluation with draft decision, CFS 2017/44/12 Rev.1.

- ii. Names of CFS focal points at country-level in ministries, platforms, institutions and agencies.

2. Strengthen engagement of regional and national stakeholders in the work of the Committee:

Different forms of collaboration can be established with relevant actors on the ground. For example, the contribution to the dissemination and use and application of CFS policy outcomes, the development of CFS policy convergence process through the provision of technical inputs, as well as the presentation of reports on the implementation of CFS-related activities in countries.

- a) CFS Members and Participants are requested to facilitate the participation and involvement of representatives and experts from their ministries, agencies and institutions from the beginning of CFS policy convergence processes. This would help increase ownership of CFS policy outcomes at national and regional levels. Furthermore, this is in line with the intention to increase ownership among CFS stakeholders of the activities planned and carried out by the Committee through their direct involvement in the preparation and definition of CFS priorities (see response to recommendation 2).
- b) Based on available resources and in response to requests from institutions and platforms at national and regional levels, CFS global policy guidance can be elaborated and tailored to the needs of different audiences (e.g. toolkits, checklists, briefs, key messages, tools).
  - i. This specific action is closely linked to the responses to recommendation 3 (resource mobilization strategy) and to recommendation 11 (CFS communication and outreach strategy).
- c) CFS Members are invited to strengthen the links between CFS policy processes and outcomes and ongoing initiatives and agendas of regional intergovernmental mechanisms and organisations, to strengthen policy coherence at this level.
  - i. CFS Bureau and Advisory Group members could provide regular updates on ongoing initiatives and/or future events which are relevant to the work of CFS taking place in their regions or within their constituencies.
  - ii. CFS Bureau and Advisory Group members, whose governments and organizations are involved in related global thematic or regional conferences, could ensure that relevant CFS products are presented, as appropriate, and considered in policy discussions (for instance: UN Economic Commissions; Regional for a for Sustainable Development; Commission on the Status of Women; Commission for Social Development, etc).
  - iii. They could also ensure that information is shared, as needed, on relevant CFS processes (for example: call for inputs for VNR sessions; nutrition lesson-sharing sessions; GTEs; etc.) and promote stronger linkages.
- d) CFS Members are invited to make voluntary commitments and draft concrete plans on the use and application of CFS products, and present the results of their efforts at Plenary.

e) CFS Members and other relevant stakeholders are invited to collect experiences at country level on existing food security and nutrition multi-stakeholder platforms and structures.

3. Support and facilitate collaboration between the Committee and the Rome-based Agencies

a) CFS Members should make specific requests, through the appropriate channels, to consider including CFS as a regular agenda item in the Governing Body meetings of the RBAs.

b) At the requests of countries, RBAs can contribute to: (i) facilitate the use and application of CFS global policy convergence/coherence guidance in countries, including through work programs and partnership agreements with countries and stakeholders and (ii) support the development of communication and outreach materials, in line with the response to Recommendation 11.