

Revised Note from the OEWG-SDG Chair

Dear CFS Members and stakeholders,

Further to my message of 28 February inviting you to consider a revised draft contribution to the 2018 HLPF review which included suggested updates stemming from CFS 44 Plenary discussions as well as further minor edits, and inviting you to revert to me with any major issues which could hinder an agreement on the document by the end of our upcoming OEWG meeting on 20 March, I would like to thank you for the suggestions received within the requested time frame. These submissions are now available on the working space.

In order to allow us to progress and given the number of relevant suggestions received, I would like to share with you today a revised draft in advance of our meeting of Tuesday 20 March. This version has been prepared together with the CFS Secretariat and high-lights (in yellow) further changes to the version you have previously seen, based on the comments received.

The comments provided allowed for further improvement of the contribution in terms of clarity, accuracy and conciseness. However, there are 3 issues which require further discussion at our OEWG meeting on 20 March.

These are:

1- Key message 3:

Although this cover page has been agreed in CFS 44, pending the inclusion of the updates on FSN trends in the Chapeau, I had asked the TTT to revise the 3rd key message to improve clarity, in view of facilitating possible uptake in other HLPF preparation processes.

2- Finalizing the last paragraph under KM 1 on “*Achieving both food security and energy security*”: Various suggestions have been received to finalize this paragraph, already discussed in CFS 44 Plenary. This new version, proposed for final consideration, takes into account inputs received.

3- Considering a proposal to strengthen the conciseness of the contribution and chances for it to have an impact, by removing paragraphs that are not directly relevant to the SDGs under in depth review (SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15). This would concern the paragraphs on gender, nutrition, and youth. These cross-cutting themes could possibly be further mainstreamed throughout the text.

I intend to address the points upfront in the meeting, after which we will proceed to finalize the entire text. Let me restate, as announced earlier, that in order to finalize the contribution by the end of the meeting, we will not be considering any major issues brought up during the meeting which have not been flagged beforehand.

I look forward to our meeting and your active engagement to ensure that, this year again, the contribution of CFS effectively supports HLPF global progress reviews and contributes to moving food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture forward within the 2030 Agenda.

Regards,
Willem Olthof, OEWG-SDG Chair