

ATTACHMENT #3

CFS MYPoW 2020-2023

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS

The content of this document is based on the provisions included in Annex B of the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report which was endorsed at CFS 45 in October 2018.

The purpose of the initial phase of the MYPoW preparation process is to give the possibility to CFS stakeholders to submit preliminary proposals regarding potential future CFS thematic workstreams.

CFS MYPoW includes two types of activities: i) thematic workstreams, and ii) supportive activities that are carried out to ensure the functioning of the Committee¹.

The preliminary proposals will deal only with thematic workstreams associated with outputs 1.1 (inclusive discussions) or output 2.1 (global policy guidance).

- Output 1.1 makes reference to inclusive discussions on FSN development, trends and emerging and critical issues that can be expressed through conclusions, reports, Chair's summaries and other ways. The CFS Forum on Women's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition held in 2017 represents an example of thematic workstream associated with output 1.1.
- Output 2.1 makes reference to global policy guidance delivered through the preparation of negotiated policy products (voluntary guidelines, principles or other policy framework) and recommendations on strategic topics. The CFS policy recommendations based on the HLPE report on Sustainable Forestry for FSN represent examples of thematic workstreams associated with outputs 2.1.

Preliminary proposals can also deal with the production of HLPE reports as an input/background document for CFS discussions. HLPE activities should be functional to the work of CFS and their selection should be based on a clear understanding of how they are intended to contribute to the objectives of the Committee and feed into its processes.

The preparation of preliminary proposals can be informed by the outcomes of the CFS 45 session on Critical and Emerging Issues on FSN, as indicated in the letter circulated by the CFS Chairperson.

The preliminary proposals should follow the indications included in Table 2 of Annex B of the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report.

The deadline for the submission of the preliminary proposals to the CFS Secretariat – cfs@fao.org - is Tuesday 18 December 2018.

¹ These include, among others, the organization of the annual Plenary session with associated communication and outreach activities, CFS Chairperson's activities in support of CFS, preparation of the work programme, and discussions on rules of procedure, as necessary. They also include activities that are associated with outputs 2.2 (Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition – GSF) and 3.1 (conclusions of follow-up and review sessions) and 3.2 (communication and outreach).

TEMPLATE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS

The preliminary proposals concerning thematic workstreams associated with outputs 1.1 (inclusive discussions) and 2.1 (global policy guidance) in order to be presented for discussion by CFS stakeholders should not exceed 2 pages and provide the following information:

- a) **Insert the title of the proposed thematic workstream;**
- b) **Indicate whether it is a joint proposal (prepared by several CFS Members and Participants); or whether the proposal is supported by at least 2 Member States from 2 Regions and other CFS participants (include names and contacts of joint proponents or supporters);**
- c) **Specify if the proposed thematic workstream is to be associated with output 1.1 (inclusive discussions), output 2.1 (global policy guidance), or a combination of both;**
- d) **Describe the rationale for including the proposed thematic workstream, based on the prioritization criteria² and building on CFS main comparative advantages³, as described in Annex B of the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report;**
- e) **Define the expected results and describe how they will contribute to the achievements of the Strategic Objectives⁴ and FSN-relevant targets of the 2030 Agenda;**
- f) **Indicate potential activities that could be considered after the adoption of the CFS policy product to promote its use and application;**
- g) **Insert budget estimate, human resources and timeline;**
- h) **Specify whether the preparation of a HLPE report is foreseen and its potential contribution to the proposed CFS thematic workstream.**

² **Prioritization Criteria:**

- i) CFS vision and overall objective: the workstream contributes to the CFS vision and overall objective addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition with a focus on the people most affected by food insecurity and malnutrition;
- ii) Strategic Objectives: the workstream contribute to the achievement of one or more Strategic Objectives;
- iii) CFS added value: the workstream adds value to existing policy work in relevant and cross-sectoral areas building on the comparative advantages of CFS (see list below), avoiding duplication and looking for complementarity and synergies.
- iv) Relevance to global priorities: the workstream addresses critical, urgent and emerging FSN issues, such as those identified in HLPE information note, specific SDGs, ICN 2, the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the UN Decade on Family Farming, etc.
- v) Commitment of CFS stakeholders: CFS stakeholders are committed to using and applying the policy product resulting from the workstream

³ **CFS main comparative advantages:**

- i) Its uniqueness in the UN system as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for global coordination and policy convergence on FSN;
- ii) The evidence-base provided through the HLPE;
- iii) Access to technical expertise from the RBAs and UN bodies dealing with FSN;
- iv) The legitimacy of its policy outputs due to decision by Member States and inclusive and consensus-based process and, which are aligned to support country-led implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

⁴ **CFS MYPoW Strategic Objectives**

Strategic Objective 1 – Platform: Leverage the convening power as the foremost inclusive international and intergovernmental platform to discuss the FSN situation and coordinate collective action at all levels;

Strategic Objective 2 – Policy: Develop voluntary global policy guidance for policy convergence and coherence to achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote the progressive realization of the right to adequate food;

Strategic Objective 3 – Uptake: Foster the uptake, follow-up and review, and sharing of experiences and best practices on the use and application of CFS products at all levels.