

PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS CONCERNING CFS THEMATIC WORKSTREAMS

PROPOSAL I

Youth employment, rural transformation and territorial approaches / Creating decent rural jobs for the youth in the context of global urbanization and climate change

a) Proponents

France and others to be confirmed

b) Outputs associated with the proposed thematic workstream

The workstream is intended to contribute to output 1.1 (inclusive discussions) and could also contribute to output 2.1 (global policy guidance).

c) Rationale for including the proposed thematic workstream, based on the prioritization criteria and building on CFS main comparative advantages, as described in Annex B of the CFS Evaluation Implementation Report

Agriculture is the main source of income for 80% of the world's poor and this sector is therefore crucial in reducing poverty, raising incomes and improving food security and nutrition.

Considering that the associated growth originating from agriculture is 2-4 times more effective at reducing poverty than growth originating from other sectors, and that almost 200 million rural poor could migrate to urban areas by 2030 (World Bank), there is a crucial need to implement policies that enable a better creation and distribution of value in the food chain as well as the creation of job opportunities, to make the agricultural and agrifood sectors more attractive, especially for young people.

The proposed thematic workstream « Youth employment, rural transformation and territorial approaches / Creating decent rural jobs for the youth in the context of global urbanization and climate change » encompasses several of the issues raised in the HLPE 2nd note on critical and emerging issues for FSN. It mainly relates to the current trend of urbanization (2.1) and to the important challenge it poses of building sustainable food chains (1.2.3). It is also closely linked to topic of social issues (1.2.4) and the need to facilitate access to means of production including land tenure and credit, access to knowledge, training as well as technologies (2.8) to attract the youth towards a more innovative and sustainable agrifood world. Special focus will be given to young farmers including females.

The proposed thematic workstream is intended to contribute to all three CFS MyPoW strategic objectives as it will support governments' efforts to advance the 2030 Agenda for sustainable

development by providing benefits to the food security and nutrition of young rurals and to achieving food security and nutrition for all.

d) Expected results and how they will contribute to the achievements of the CFS MYPoW Strategic Objectives and FSN-relevant targets of the 2030 Agenda

The objective of the proposed workstream is to launch a discussion among all the stakeholders around the key topic for the future that is the one of youth employment. This discussion could support governments and stakeholders with best practices, recommendations and policy guidelines to foster rural and agrifood chain jobs to the youth and to help create an environment that will generate new decent jobs in these sectors.

Achieving these objectives will contribute to the 2030 Agenda in a cross-cutting fashion. Not only will the creation of new decent jobs for the rural youth contribute to the SDG2 of Zero hunger through the development of agriculture and agrifood chain, but it will also contribute to SDG1 of No poverty through the creation of decent employment and wealth for the young rurals. Furthermore, the establishment of new agrifood value chains, focused on building sustainable food chains, taking into account challenges related to climate change, will also contribute to SDG11 of Sustainable cities and communities. It will also help achieve SDG8 of Decent work and economic growth.

Finally, this workstream will also feed into the UN Decade of family farming as well as the UN Decade of action for nutrition.

e) Potential activities that could be considered after the adoption of the CFS policy product to promote its use and application

The policy recommendations on youth employment, rural transformation and territorial approaches can be broadly disseminated with a view to informing future policies and programmes and be the basis for future stocktaking and sharing of lessons.

f) Budget estimate, human resources and timeline

Timeline: a) HLPE report (for instance 2021); b) TORs to be developed and approved by CFS plenary; c) development of the voluntary guidelines to be presented for endorsement by the ad hoc plenary.

Costs: a) HLPE report; b) translation of documents; c) translation/interpretation negotiation process; d) e-consultations; e) regional consultations.

g) Indications on whether the preparation of a HLPE report is foreseen and its potential contribution to the proposed CFS thematic workstream

The proposed thematic workstream should benefit from the findings of a HLPE report addressing the question (in 2021 for instance). This would represent the starting point of the policy convergence process.

The HLPE report should analyze among other things how to provide decent jobs and working conditions in order to attract youth to agriculture and agrifood value chains as well as how to strengthen the vitality and resilience of rural areas in order to enable the youth to find opportunities in their local communities, thus encouraging local development of territories.