

GER comments MYPoW 2020-23

- The rule of restricting CFS work to one major work stream at a time should be respected, so as not to overload CFS. Therefore the Timeline should be planned with one HLPE-Report per period (CFS year) and one major workstream per period.
- Germany is flexible about the timeline (e.g. change the position of the different HLPE-Reports), but the amount of the work of CFS should be in line with the rule above.
- Therefore, we would prefer that the workstream on “Promoting youth employment in food systems, sustainable rural transformation and territorial approaches” should start **after** the workstream on “gender equality and women’s empowerment for FSN” has ended.
- Furthermore, we would like to add a monitoring session on the CFS policy recommendations on water (from 2015) and on climate (from 2012) during CFS plenary in 2021. Such a monitoring session would also make sense in the context of Saudi Arabia’s G20 presidency in 2020.
- Regarding the new workstreams “data collection and analysis” and “inequalities” we remember on the objective of the new MYPoW process that came out of the evaluation: that we have a transparent process for the topic selection that leads to a focused MYPoW for CFS.
- We would like to get more information about how CFS (as a global policy-guidance developer) can add value to these topics.

Regarding data collection and analysis tools:

- We welcome a new workstream “Data collection and analysis tools”. The aim of such a workstream should be to develop policy guidance on the establishment of a neutral information system so that the Governments can make science-based policies on the best available data.
- Data collection and analysis is also the core objective of the newly established "50x2030 Data Smart Agriculture" initiative by WB, FAO and IFAD. Germany is one of the co-funders of the "50x2030" initiative and therefore has strong interest in this workstream.
- If "Data Collection and Analysis Tools" becomes a priority workstream, it should be closely intertwined with the “50x2030” in order for both to support each other and create synergies.
- The planned HLPE Report should be used for more than just one event. Therefore we are interested in the further work and activities after this Report (p.11), how the CFS would use the HLPE-Report for further work? And how exactly can the CFS policy alignment look like?

Regarding Reducing inequalities for food security and nutrition:

- Regarding to the point “2.1.6 Budget estimate and timeline: HLPE report to be requested for 2021” (p. 13): In the proposed timeline of the MYPoW (p. 22) there is already the HLPE Report of “Youth engagement and employment in food systems” foreseen for 2021.
- Inequalities is an important topic. However, the added value of this workstreams in comparison with the workstreams on Youth and Gender equality is not clear for us.
- Is it possible to identify concrete problems around the framework of inequalities? Otherwise the CFS would be overloaded with too many different themes.