

Dear colleagues

Thank you for progress made last week; to reiterate/emphasis comments made at the 2nd open meeting:

Overall process:

- Appreciate the response to morning comments with revised 'timeline' as presented in afternoon, in particular bringing 'youth' forward. Remain concerned, as mentioned, of too many parallel work streams still being considered, and cognisant of evaluation discussions of last year emphasising need for prioritisation/choice/focus and, while welcoming Secretariat's statement that all work could be undertaken, recognising this needs similar commitments of resources from all stakeholders and acknowledgment that time for the necessary processes is available.
- Assumes VGs on on Food Systems and Nutrition will remain on schedule and HLPE Agroecology and innovations provides sufficiently clear recommendations regarding subsequent phase of policy guidance.
- Agree with the proposal to postpone the 'inequalities' workstream
- As per Bureau discussion of March 6th, would suggest further clarification on process of decision on what work streams require VGs.

Workstreams:

- 2.1.2. not clear on basis for bulleted suggestions on what the workstream 'is expected' to cover Particularly point 3 'examine...' . Would suggest to await HLPE and, at the same time, take note of the FAO COAG discussions on member states focus (and Conference draft resolution) in sustainable agricultural approaches, including agroecology and emphasis on science based evidence and innovation as indication of member states focus;
- 2.1. 3. Support comments made (China, Switzerland) to recognise work undertaken by UN women and seek specific comparative advantage/value added of CFS intervention;
- 2.1.4. support French/Italian/S. Africa comments to retain title and focus of original proposal that also recognises aspirations of youth for gainful (income) employment which will be available throughout the value chain, as well as in production;
- 2.1.7. welcome the comments of FAO on data needs (which underpin youth initiative) which underpin all work streams and recognise that CFS, with support of all stakeholders (e.g. CGIAR,

World Bank) that CFS could be a credible leader to emphasize the type and breadth of data needed for effective policy guidance.

Thanks and Regards

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