



CFS Bureau members and FAO Regional Group Chairpersons were informed in writing by the CFS Secretariat on 25 March 2020 that the Chairperson of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group on Food Systems and Nutrition, Dr Liliane Ortega, would be stepping down from this role for personal reasons, to take effect at close-of-business 14 April.

CFS Bureau members were thereby requested to consult with their regional groups in order to consider nominations for the position of Chair of this OEWG by Monday 6 April. As with past practice within the Committee, the incumbents of such positions do so in their personal capacity.

As a result of these communications, the following nomination was received by the CFS Secretariat, from the current Chairperson of the European Regional Group (Luxembourg):

- Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture (CV in Annex A).

Having received only one nomination for this position, the CFS Bureau is asked to confirm the new Food Systems and Nutrition OEWG Chair at its meeting of 17 April.

ANNEX A

Hans Hoogeveen



Ambassador / Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture

Hans Hoogeveen serves as Ambassador / Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture. Before that he was the Director General for Agriculture and Nature Management at the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs. As such, Dr. Hoogeveen was the most senior civil servant to lead the agriculture, agribusiness, food safety, food security, veterinary and plant health, international affairs, including the European Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy, international food security, the FAO and other UN affairs, trade liberalisation (WTO), market access and nature/biodiversity managements agendas.

Over the course of the last two decades, Dr. Hoogeveen served in numerous international functions, including as Chair of the Bureau of the Seventh Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, which adopted in 2007, under his leadership, an international instrument on forests which was called a landmark achievement by the UN Secretary General after fifteen years of stalled international negotiations. For his achievements within the Forum, Dr. Hoogeveen received an UN award during the High-Level Special Event on the UN General Assembly's adoption of the international forest instrument. He is one of the founding fathers of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture and the Global Action Network for Oceans and Blue Growth. He also served, amongst others, as President of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Facilitator of the

Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). He was lead negotiator in a numerous international processes on behalf of the EU and Netherlands government. He is Chairman of the Programme Committee of FAO, member of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme and member of the Executive Board of IFAD.

Dr. Hoogeveen holds a number of other positions. He serves on several boards, including Yale University's Governance, Environment, and Markets Initiative, and Fellow of Forest Trends, a leading International NGO on innovative natural resource policy in Washington, D.C. He is Co-Chairman of the Champions 12.3 (SDG Food Loss and Co-Chairman of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture.

Dr. Hoogeveen is Professor of Practice in Natural Resource Policy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston. He is visiting Professor Sustainable Development Diplomacy at the Wageningen University & Research in the Netherlands. He is also lead lecturer in European Policy at the Netherlands School for Public Government. He received his doctorate degree from Wageningen University, in close collaboration with The Fletcher School. Dr. Hoogeveen also received a law degree in the Netherlands and also holds a master's degree in Public Administration. He also completed a programme for Senior Managers in Government at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Dr. Hoogeveen has written a number of scientific papers on sustainable development and natural resources, including seminal work on lessons learned from global forest governance.

He is Commander in the Order of Gregorius (Holy See) and Commandeur de l'Orde Grand-Ducal de la Couronne de Chene.