

Proposed Planning of Activities for the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Workstream

CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work 2020-2023 – CFS 2019/46/7

Activity 2.1.3. Gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition

Process:

80. CFS will start the process by setting-up an Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) whose first task will be reviewing existing CFS policy guidance and other reference documents in order to inform the development of Terms of Reference (ToRs). The ToRs will prioritize the most relevant issues that can best be tackled in the final version of the VGs in the context of CFS and FSN.

81. Following the adoption of ToRs, the OEWG will develop and agree on policy guidance through an inclusive and consensus-based process.

82. The process will benefit from the organization of e-consultations, expert group meetings and regional consultations involving all CFS stakeholders.

The planning shared with the Bureau and the Advisory Group at their 13 May 2020 meeting (Bur/AG/2020/05/13/02) for the Gender Workstream envisaged the submission to the Bureau of the Terms of Reference for the *Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition* (TORs) for endorsement by March 2021.

Given that CFS 47 is now scheduled for 8-12 February 2021, it is proposed to bring forward the preparation of the TORs with a view to submit them at Plenary. This will allow for broader discussion and buy-in by all CFS stakeholders. The appointment of the Chair of the Open Ended Working Group and the constitution of a Technical Task Team have also been brought forward for the same purpose, as indicated in the table below.

Activities	Timeframe
Appointment of the Chair of the OEWG	By end of July 2020
Forming of a Technical Task Team (TTT)	By end of July 2020
Phase 0: Preparation of Terms of Reference (TORs)	- TTT meetings in September 2020 - OEWG meeting in October 2020 (TBC) - Endorsement of TORs by Plenary in February 2021
PHASE 1 – Preparation of Zero Draft	March 2021 – May 2021
PHASE 2 – Discussion of the Zero Draft	June - November 2021 (with Regional Consultations)
PHASE 3 – Preparation and discussion of Draft One	December 2021 – March 2022

PHASE 4 – Preparation and negotiation of the final version	April – June 2022
PHASE 5 – Endorsement of the VGs	October 2022