

## **CFS Workstream on "In-depth debate on enhanced efforts to increase awareness, ownership, use and usefulness of CFS policy outcomes at all levels"**

### **Zero Draft of the Action Plan**

#### **INDIA**

(a) In connection with para-2.B.3 of the document regarding National Focal Point, I have seen merit in creation of a Global Focal Point, an expert on FSN or a person well versed in CFS policy products to engage with National Focal Points on periodic basis say 6 monthly or annually to disseminate CFS policy products and expectations from national governments.

(b) I suggested to develop a Annual Questionnaire for seeking feedback from national governments on CFS policy products uptake as is done by FAO to monitor progress of several other voluntary guidelines. This would attract attention of the National Focal Points and help nudge the national governments and Focal Points on the issues that are needed to be addressed. As an example, I highlighted the procedure followed by WOA (World Organization on Animal Health) for collection of information and also periodic dissemination of information on animal diseases to the National Focal Points.

(c) Observing that most of the member countries of CFS are also members of RBAs, and recommendations contained in the CFS policy products overlap with the recommendations of RBAs, it may happen that the member countries are already implementing several of these recommendations stemming from the decisions in the RBAs, while the CFS may continue to perceive that the uptake is poor. Hence, it is essential to gather evidence before arriving at a conclusion that the ownership or uptake of CFS processes and policy agreements/products by the member countries is sub-optimal or poor.

(d) The strategies for improving the uptake of CFS policy products should focus upon the national governments.

(e) Action Plan attempts to put together number of actions/prescriptions without identifying the field level challenges, and the way and means to implement them including financial commitments both by the CFS and the national governments.

(f) Regarding establishing an Open Ended Working Group (suggested under para-3.3 of the Text), India joined Indonesia and few other countries in seeking clarification with regard to its usefulness in monitoring implementation of the Action Plan. Besides, I have underscored the importance of establishing an independent institutional mechanism for objectively measuring the progress of the Actions suggested under the present Action Plan and undertaking remedial actions for course correction wherever necessary.