

# One Planet Sustainable Food Systems Programme

## 16<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting (teleconference)

29 October 2020

### Draft summary report

#### **Summary of main discussion points, outcomes and decisions:**

- The International Resource Panel and the 10YFP Secretariat presented the work of the **joint task group on catalysing science-based policy action on SCP**, with the aim to increase input and support from the SFS Programme.
- The MAC welcomed both the draft agenda as well as the draft outcome document of the **3<sup>rd</sup> global SFS Programme conference**. It was decided to create a drafting committee for the finalization of the outcome document, composed of the chairs and the rapporteurs of each session.
- The “**SFS Glossary**” underwent professional text editing and the graphic design was in its final stages. The **case studies** will be presented in the science session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> global conference.
- UNDP was adopted as a **new Programme partner**.
- “Food Systems Multi-Stakeholder Governance Mechanisms: An assessment of experiences”, a joint initiative by WWF, UNEP and the Community of Practice (CoP) on Sustainable Food Systems on the Ground, was endorsed as a **new affiliated project**.
- The **next MAC meeting** is tentatively planned for February 2021. The Co-Leads will send out a doodle to find a suitable date and time.
- The deadline for the **annual reporting** of the One Planet network is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Welcome and adoption of agenda

Mr. Roberto Azofeifa, Ministry of Livestock and Agriculture (Costa Rica), welcomed all participants to the 16<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting. He then outlined the main objectives of this MAC meeting, which were to: strengthen the collaboration between SFS Programme actors and the joint task group of the One Planet network and the International Resource Panel; provide an update on preparations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> global SFS Programme conference, and gather feedback on the draft outcome document; and present recent progress on the SFS Toolbox.

Finally, Mr. Azofeifa presented the draft agenda of the 16<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting. As there were no comments with regards to content, he declared the agenda as adopted.

### 1.2 Adoption of summary report of the 13<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting

Before going into the content of the 16<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting, Mr. Azofeifa presented the summary report of the 15<sup>th</sup> MAC meeting. As there were no further comments by the MAC members, he declared it as adopted.

## 2. Catalysing science-based policy action on SCP – joint task group of the One Planet network and the International Resource Panel

Ms. Maria-José Baptista, *International Resource Panel*, and Ms. Cecilia Lopez y Royo, *IOYFP Secretariat*, presented the objectives of the task group, which were to understand the key hotspots along the value chain and to define opportunities to address these hotspots. Furthermore, colleagues from WWF and 3Keel presented their findings on the potential influence of actors in the middle of the food value chain to positively shape the sustainability of food production and consumption.

One of the key findings of the analysis was that “the key to a more sustainable and efficient primary production is often in other stages of the value chain”. They stressed that the different Programmes of the One Planet network can leverage on each other’s work in that regards (e.g. the Consumer Information Programme addresses different stages of the food value chain; the Sustainable Tourism Programme has activities at the food services level).

Several MAC members, including the Alliance of CIAT and Bioversity, INRAE and the Global Nature Fund expressed interest in follow-up discussions.

## 3. SFS Programme implementation

### 3.1 Third Global Conference of the SFS Programme

Mr. Alwin Kopse, *Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland*, stressed that there have been many recent positive developments with regard to the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> global conference, including the strengthening of linkages with the preparatory process of the 2021 Food Systems Summit. While acknowledging that there has been renewed criticism of the Summit process from civil society groups, in particular the Civil Society Mechanism, the SFS Programme remains committed to making an important contribution to the Summit, in line with what has been agreed in previous MAC meetings.

Mr. Patrick Mink, *Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland*, introduced the latest version of the draft conference agenda, highlighting the different linkages with the Food Systems Summit, in particular:

- Participation of Agnes Kalibata, Special Envoy for the 2021 Food Systems Summit;
- First Global Food Systems Summit Dialogue hosted by the conference;
- Participation of Action Track chairs / co-chairs and chair of Scientific Group.

Mr. Michael Mulet, *WWF*, presented the draft conference outcome document, followed by a discussion focussing on the draft recommendations and the proposed process to finalize the document.

The MAC welcomed both the draft agenda as well as the draft outcome document. With regard to the outcome document, it was suggested:

- To include a stronger reference to the need of strengthening the voices of the most vulnerable;
- To illustrate the linkages with the Summit Action Tracks;
- To formulate the document more in the form of a chairs summary rather than a call to action;
- To have both aspirational, as well as concrete and actionable recommendations;
- To ground the recommendations in evidence, with a focus on the findings of the conference.

It was decided to create a drafting committee for the finalization of the outcome document, composed of the chairs and the rapporteurs of each session.

### **3.2 The SFS Toolbox**

Mr. Mulet provided an update on the SFS Toolbox. The “SFS Glossary” underwent professional text editing and the graphic design is currently in its final stages.<sup>1</sup> The case studies will be presented in the science session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> global SFS Programme conference, and the e-learning module will also soon be finalized.<sup>2</sup> In addition, it is planned to develop an SFS Toolbox webpage.

In addition, Mr. Mulet informed on a further tool on national and sub-national food systems multi-stakeholder mechanisms that is currently being developed as part of a collaborative effort between WWF, UNEP and the Community of Practice (CoP) on Food Systems Approach on the Ground (see 3.3).

The MAC commended these developments and suggested to explore ways to bring these tools into the Food Systems Summit process (e.g. as input for science papers, etc.).

### **3.3 New Programme partners and affiliated projects**

Mr. Michaël Sapin, *Federal Office for Agriculture (Switzerland)*, informed the MAC about the new Programme partners and affiliated projects. Notably, UNDP was adopted as a new Programme partner; and “Food Systems Multi-Stakeholder Governance Mechanisms: An assessment of experiences” - a joint initiative by WWF, UNEP and the CoP on Sustainable Food Systems on the Ground, was endorsed as a new affiliated project.

### **3.4 Next meeting and AOB**

Mr. Mulet reminded the MAC that the next MAC meeting is tentatively planned for February 2021, back to back with the CFS. It will likely be another virtual meeting, and the Co-Leads will send out a doodle in order to find a suitable date and time.

On any other business, Mr. Mink reminded the MAC about the annual reporting of the One Planet network, with the deadline of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

As no further points were raised, Mr. Mulet thanked everyone for their active participation and closed the meeting.

Report: Patrick Mink, FOAG (Switzerland)

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<sup>1</sup> The SFS Glossary has in the meantime been released and is available here: [https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/sites/default/files/sfs\\_programme\\_glossary\\_towards\\_a\\_common\\_understanding\\_of\\_sfs\\_2020.pdf](https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/sites/default/files/sfs_programme_glossary_towards_a_common_understanding_of_sfs_2020.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> The case studies have in the meantime been released and are available here: <https://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/sfs-programme-case-studies-food-systems-transformation>

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