

# MINUTES

## PSM Quarterly Call

### 12 December

#### In attendance

- June Arnold, Grain and Feed Trade Association
- Barrie Bain, International Fertilizer Association
- Deb Carstoiu, CropLife International
- Audrae Erickson, RN
- Kristian Eriknauer, Arla Foods
- Katarina Eriksson, Tetra Laval
- Yvonne Harz-Pitre, International Fertilizer Association
- Hsin Huang, International Meat Secretariat
- Robert Hunter, CropLife International
- Mitch Kanter, Nutrition Center
- Katherine Loatman, International Council of Beverages Associations
- Brian Lowry, Bayer
- Nick Martell-Bundock, Cargill
- Andy McConville, Syngenta
- Pindelwa Mda, Nestlé
- Greg Miller, Global Dairy Platform
- Donald Moore, Global Dairy Platform
- Fabrizio Moscatelli, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Katrijn Otten, Cargill
- Samir Pandit, Rta Technologies
- Rocco Renaldi, International Food and Beverage Association
- Leslie Teo, Nestlé
- Rick White, Canadian Canola Growers Association
- Janelle Whitley, Canadian Canola Growers Association
- Robynne Anderson, PSM Secretariat
- Brian Baldwin, PSM Secretariat
- Alexandra Baldwin, PSM Secretariat
- April Dodd, PSM Secretariat
- Tracey Foster, PSM Secretariat
- Sid Mehta, PSM Secretariat

### 1) Call to Order, Introductory Remarks, and Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The Chair Donald Moore called the meeting to order and presented the call's agenda and the minutes of the last meeting. Robynne Anderson noted that as the September call addressed the briefing for CFS45 that there were no outstanding action items arising from the minutes. On that call, the Youth position paper was approved, and has since been posted and used as the foundation for interventions on Critical and Emerging Issues during CFS Plenary. The paper will also be used as the basis for PSM's submission to CFS' Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPoW).

**It was agreed that the agenda, as well as the minutes of the PSM Quarterly Call of 19 September 19, 2018 be approved as circulated. CARRIED**

### 2) PSM 2019 Workplan

Three documents have been provided to the membership: The Private Sector Mechanism workplan, the Nutrition workstream two-year workplan, and a Calendar of activities related to CFS for 2019.

It is proposed in 2019, in light of funding constraints, to consolidate the macrocommittees to two:

- Nutrition and Global Strategic Framework
- SDGs / Partnerships / MYPOW / Agroecology/ Urbanization and Rural Transformation, with special focus on Youth and Promoting Accountability and Sharing of Best Practices

The Secretariat also proposes to remove the Outreach Days, which are the bilaterals we have previously done in the context of CFS and the Annual Meeting, from the core services. Bilaterals would be organized pending additional voluntary funding.

The Secretariat will host an Annual General Meeting for the PSM on **25 June 2019** in Rome, Italy. Areas of work that welcome voluntary funding are the High Level Dinner and sponsorship of youth and SMEs.

Sid Mehta of the PSM Secretariat explained that CFS will take on the creation of the Voluntary Guidelines on Nutrition over the next biennium. The two-year Nutrition workplan covers core services, negotiation, and advocacy. Currently, commitments have been already been received from members amounting to €40-50K for 2019, in addition to informal commitments of funding from others.

Donald Moore encouraged members to perform outreach within their networks to connect new members with the PSM and to encourage current non-paying members to consider making contributions to support the Secretariat's work.

**It was moved by Robert Hunter and seconded by June Arnold to approve both the 2019 PSM Workplan and the 2019 Nutrition Workplan. CARRIED**

### 3) MYPoW 2020-2023

During CFS45, a session was held on Critical and Emerging Issues. Now, an opportunity exists for CFS stakeholders to submit suggestions to CFS as it crafts its Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW), which is essentially CFS' workplan. PSM believes that Youth in Agriculture has broad support within CFS and within the PSM membership, and so has prepared a submission using the CFS template. PSM is suggesting it be taken up following the conclusion of the Nutrition workstream in 2021. Support of two countries is needed in addition to PSM, so negotiations are underway to find such support.

**It was moved by Greg Miller and seconded by Brian Lowry that the PSM shall support Youth in Agriculture be proposed as a CFS MYPoW workstream. **CARRIED****

### 4) HLPE Zero Draft on Agroecological Approaches and Other Innovations

Brian Baldwin of the PSM Secretariat shared that aggregated feedback on the HLPE Zero Draft on *Agroecological Approaches and Other Innovations* from PSM was submitted to the e-consultation and in hard copy to the CFS Secretariat. The Agroecology team is now going through all the comments they have received and will share another draft for peer review; this is expected in late Q1 2019. If no indication is circulated on the peer-reviewed version, we will see a V1 draft in Q2 2019 and would need to be ready for a quick circulation process. The Secretariat anticipates a Report that lacks an ambitious definition of innovation in agricultural systems.

Concerning the HLPE Report for 2020, it was agreed not to have a specific subject for the report coming after the HLPE Report on Agroecology; instead, it will be a synthesis of all the previous HLPE reports and topics. There is currently an e-consultation available on the concept note of this Report. It is open until **7 January** and all PSM members are strongly encouraged to look at the request for comments on the HLPE narrative and to consider submitting comments directly to the CFS Secretariat: [http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/cfs-hlpe/discussions/global\\_FSN\\_narrative](http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/cfs-hlpe/discussions/global_FSN_narrative)

Past HLPE reports have lacked substance in the recommendation sections; Donald Moore noted that lobbying for a change in process on the development of the recommendation section would give diverse stakeholders better opportunity to understand likely recommendations before the publication of the final report.

### 5) Proposed 2019 Meeting Schedule

- March 27
- June 25 – in person, Rome, Italy
- October 2
- December 11

It was proposed to move the calls to slightly later in the day (2:00 pm EST); this means that the calls fall in the evening for Europeans but does allow those in Asia Pacific to join.

It was agreed by the group to try this new timing for the first call in 2019 and to re-evaluate as needed based on the outcomes on attendance if necessary.

#### **6) Any other business**

Donald Moore complimented the PSM Secretariat on its work over the course of 2018 and thanked Bayer for their support of the High Level Dinner. Robynne Anderson thanked the PSM Secretariat team of Sid Mehta, Brian Baldwin, April Dodd, and Alexandra Baldwin for their work on various PSM workstreams and thanked Donald Moore for his leadership as Chair of PSM.

It was also noted that there is an election of a new Director General of FAO in 2019. Several countries, including France, Georgia, are known to be fielding candidates to run for Director General of FAO. China and Indonesia are touted as also likely. Nominations will close in February with an election process culminating by live voting during the FAO Conference, **22-29 June 2019**. IAFN hopes private sector to have opportunities to interact with candidates, but PSM does not have a vote.

Registration for FAO conference will be complex because only organizations with observer status at FAO will be able to register; however, the Secretariat will attempt to accommodate those interested in attending to be able to do so.

2019 is also an election year for PSM focal point and the nomination process will begin in the New Year.

Finally, it was shared that Switzerland is planning to produce a report on agroecology nationally and has proposed that PSM and Switzerland partner on a special event to launch that report. Members suggested more information on this opportunity be sought.

The Secretariat wished all members a restful and safe holiday season.

**The Meeting Adjourned.**