

175th Session of the FAO Council

**Item 9: Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and
199th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, May 2024)**

Chairperson, Members of the Council,

I am pleased to present the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee. This Report is submitted to the Council in document CL 175/9.

The Joint Meeting examined the *Programme Implementation Report 2022-23* and the *FAO Country Office Network-Current Status and Way Forward*. I would like to highlight the following matters for the attention of the Council.

The Joint Meeting welcomed the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2022-23 and recommended its endorsement by the Council. In this regard, the Joint Meeting commended FAO's approach to assist Members in addressing the overlapping global crises in 2022-23, and appreciated the support of the Organization to Members to fulfil the 2030 Agenda, in line with commitments in the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23. The Joint Meeting commended FAO's resource mobilization efforts; called for inclusive discussions on the issue of financial performance, including updated and transparent information on the application of voluntary contributions; and underlined the need to ensure that supporting functions of the Organization are adequately resourced. The Joint Meeting also requested a similar approach for the reporting of the results of major Strategies in future editions of the PIR.

The Joint Meeting welcomed the Reports of the Regional Conferences in 2024 on the Country Office Network; expressed support for the principles outlined to support more efficient and effective delivery of FAO's work at country level; encouraged Management to proceed with consultations on this topic and provide formal and informal updates to Members; and looked forward to further discussions and guidance from Governing Bodies.

Dear Members of the Council, I would like to invite you to review the full *Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee*. For your convenience, this report includes an executive summary and suggested actions.

I am pleased to provide any further explanations you may have regarding this Report.

Mr Mina Rizk

Chairperson of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee