



FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Thirty-eighth Session

Georgetown, Guyana, 11-13 March 2024 and 18-21 March 2024

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Senior Officers Meeting (virtual) 11-13 March 2024

- 1) Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, and appointment of Rapporteur
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

I. Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory Matters

3) Global and Regional Food Security and Nutrition Outlook

Updates on the food security and nutrition prospects in the region to provide forward-looking policy analysis and planning.

4) Financing to end hunger for today and tomorrow (SDG 2)

Points out the urgent need for targeted interventions and sustained efforts to address the multifaceted challenges in the region's food security and nutrition landscape.

5) How to fight against food loss and waste through technological innovation

Discusses the critical issue of food losses and waste (FLW) within agrifood systems. It emphasizes the economic, social, and environmental implications, highlighting its impact on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

6) Decentralization

Outlines the current status of the Country Office Network and proposes a way forward for feedback by Members.

7) Building resilience in the region through agrifood systems transformation and the use of early-warning systems

Discusses the need for systems and integrated approaches to resilience to be strengthened in order to address the multiple risks and vulnerabilities that affect agrifood systems in the region.

II. Programme and Budget Matters

8) Results for FAO in the region 2022-2023

This session presents and analyses the main results achieved by FAO in Latin America and the Caribbean during the 2022-2023 biennium. The 37th Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (LARC 37) requested the Organization to localize the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 in the specific conditions, needs and priorities of the Members in the region and to deliver in two complementary fronts: (i) in the short-term, by supporting country-level recovery efforts to overcome the economic and social impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the food and agriculture sector; and (ii) in the medium to long term, by supporting countries to transform agrifood systems in accordance with national contexts, priorities and capacities.

FAO addressed the recommendations, achieving significant results in: (i) supporting measures and investments aimed at ensuring physical and economic access to safe and nutritious foods to achieve healthy diets, and supporting policies and programmes to reduce malnutrition; (ii) promoting rural economic activities to build productive, innovative, and inclusive rural societies accompanied by social inclusion policies, focusing on eradicating extreme poverty and ending hunger; and (iii) building sustainable and resilient agrifood systems and supporting Members in accessing environmental and climate financing to overcome the challenges in the rural sector.

9) Priorities for FAO in the region under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022–31

This session focuses on discussing FAO's programmatic focus for the biennium 2024-2025 and beyond under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022–31. The proposed priorities are informed by the aforementioned Strategic Framework 2022-31, Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and the Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs) to support countries to achieve MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment* and a *better life*, leaving no one behind.

III. Other Matters

10) Summary of the recommendations of the Regional Commissions

The conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Commissions in Latin America and the Caribbean will be assessed with regards to: (i) policy and regulatory matters; and (ii) programme and budgetary matters. The Regional Commissions include the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission (LACFC), the Commission on Livestock Development for Latin America and the Caribbean (CLDLAC), the Commission for Small-Scale and Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture of Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPEAALC), the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC) and the FAO-OEA/CIE-IICA Working Group on Agricultural and Livestock Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean.

11) Date and place of the 39th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean

12) Any other matters

13) Adoption of the Report of the Senior Officers Meeting

The draft report of the Regional Conference will be reviewed and discussed. The discussion will encompass:

- I. Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory Matters
- II. Programme and Budget Matters
- III. Other Matters

The report will be introduced by the Rapporteur.

Ministerial Session 18-21 March 2024

- 14) Statement by the Head of State**
- 15) Statement by the Director-General**
- 16) Statement by the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council**
- 17) Statement by the Chairperson of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean**
- 18) Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**
- 19) Statement by the Spokesperson of the Civil Society Organizations**
- 20) Statement by the Spokesperson of the Private Sector**
- 21) Statement by the Spokesperson of the Parliamentary Fronts against Hunger**
- 22) Statement by the Spokesperson of the Scientific and Academic Committee**

Ministerial Roundtables

The Ministerial Roundtables are proposed to allow Members to discuss high priority issues through sharing their experiences, ongoing processes and challenges to show how the region is addressing the challenge of transforming agrifood systems, contextualized by the reality of each country and subregion. These sessions intend to provide innovative solutions and recommendations that address the *four betters* in a cross-cutting manner.

- 23) Advancing fisheries and aquaculture towards sustainability under the Blue Transformation approach**
- 24) Reducing hunger and malnutrition through trade as strategic driver of food security in the region**
- 25) Addressing the challenges of the water-forest-biodiversity-soil nexus in a climate change context**

High-level Special Events

The High-level Special Events will provide Members a forum for dialogue on unique innovations and technical solutions, offering valuable insights and expertise to address key challenges.

- 26) Science and digital innovation in family farming**
- 27) Agrifood systems transformation in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Latin America and the Caribbean**
- 28) Targeted investment for resilient, sustainable and inclusive agrifood systems under the Hand-in-Hand Initiative**
- 29) Foresight drivers and triggers relevant for Latin America and the Caribbean**

Closure of the Regional Conference

- 30) Adoption of the Report of the Regional Conference**