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Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 149th Session of the Council

Executive Summary

The Multi-year Programme of Work of Council requires the status of implementation of decisions taken at the preceding session to be reviewed.

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 149th Session (Rome, 16-20 June 2013) and includes a reference to (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report and the background report/document in brackets and (ii) the status of implementation of each decision.

Suggested action by the Council

The Council is invited to take note of the information presented in this document.

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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 149 TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (16-20 JUNE 2014)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
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PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS				
Programme Implementation Report 2012-13 ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
1. Conduct further analysis and action with regard to decentralization, in particular a review of the country coverage and modalities of FAO's decentralized offices network (para. 6 d)		X		To be taken into account in preparing further documentation (see 10 below). A document on "Progress report on the structure and functioning of decentralized offices network" is foreseen for submission to the Joint Meeting in March 2015.
2. Mainstream and further develop gender across FAO's activities, including the use of gender disaggregated data and progress on the number of female staff in senior positions (para. 6 e)		X		To be reported in the Programme Implementation Report 2014-15. Progress on number of female staff in senior positions is provided to the Finance Committee at each session.
3. Provide progress reports on implementation of the partnership strategies with civil society organizations, the private sector and regional organizations (para. 6 f)	X			Progress report provided in document JM 2014.2/2 and Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in November 2014 (CL 150/6).
4. Submit to the 150 th Session of Council a progress report on ongoing efforts with regard to language balance of FAO's products, particularly in those languages where there was room for further progress (para. 6 g)	X			Progress report provided in document JM 2014.2/3 and Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in November 2014 (CL 150/6).
Regional Conferences 2014 ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Rodrigo de Lapuerta</i>				
5. At a future session, provide information on progress made with regard to the implementation of 15 Regional Initiatives the Council had endorsed (para. 10)		X		To be provided in the Mid-Term Review Synthesis Report 2014 (MTR) at the March 2015 session of the Programme Committee and reported to the Council.
6. Outcomes of the Regional Conferences to inform the implementation of the Medium Term Plan 2014-17 and be taken into consideration in preparing the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17 (para. 13)		X		To be provided in the MTR 2014 and the MTP 2014-17 (Reviewed) / PWB 2016-17 (C 2015/3) to be considered by the Programme and Finance Committees at their March 2015 sessions and reported to the Council.

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Report of the Joint Meeting of the 115th Session of the Programme Committee and 154th Session of the Finance Committee (28 May 2014)				

Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo				
7. Make use of innovative funding modalities in order to broaden the base for mobilization of extra-budgetary resources (para. 14 e)		X		FAO has broadened the use of innovative funding modalities and continues to advocate strongly with resource partners in this area. In 2013, voluntary contributions received through innovative funding (such as multidonor trust funds, unilateral trust funds and FAO Multipartner Funding Mechanism (FMM) which of total resources utilized in 2013 accounted for 35 percent of the total, while in 2014, as of end August, this figure had already reached 38 percent of funding received. FAO is refocusing its efforts to mobilize resources, including through South-South Cooperation (SSC) partnerships, to achieve results under the Strategic Framework through 11 corporate areas for resource mobilization, 15 Regional Initiatives and Country Programme Frameworks agreed with governments at country level. Standard agreements for a range of funding modalities have been developed and resource partners are encouraged to provide less earmarked resources.
8. Provide further information on the Results Framework (CL 149/LIM/6) (para. 14 f)		X		To be provided in the MTR 2014 and the MTP 2014-17 (Reviewed) / PWB 2016-17 (C 2015/3) to be considered by the Programme and Finance Committees at their March 2015 sessions and reported to the March 2015 Session of Council.
Report of the 115th Session of the Programme Committee (26-30 May 2014)				

Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo				
9. Conduct an analysis of the opportunities and challenges of FAO's work in middle-income countries within the context of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (para. 16 b)		X		A review of South-South and Triangular cooperation initiatives and financial contributions by middle income countries over the last five years (technical areas of interventions, participating institutions, cooperation modalities) has been launched by the Technical Cooperation (TC) Department. It identifies challenges, opportunities and lessons learned by the Organization, as well as highlights

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				countries, technical areas and cooperation modalities with greater potential. The report should be ready by end 2014.
10. Submit a forward-looking synthesis report of the five evaluations of Regional and Subregional Offices to the 39 th Conference, through the Council (para. 16 e)		X		Report will be submitted to the Joint Meeting in March 2015.
11. Give attention and assistance to the challenges faced by the Pacific Island countries and territories (para 16 f)		X		Included in Blue Growth initiative and further developed in MTP 2014-17 (Reviewed) / PWB 2016-17 (C 2015/3) to be considered by the Programme and Finance Committees at their March 2015 sessions and reported to the Council.
Reports of the 152nd, 153rd and 154th Sessions of the Finance Committee (26-30 May 2014)				
----- <i>Reporting Officer: David McSherry</i>				
12. Forward a recommendation on the abolition of the Incentive Scheme to the 39 th Conference for approval and explore alternative measures to encourage timely payment of assessed contributions (para. 18 b)	X			A recommendation on the abolition of the Incentive Scheme will be presented to the 39 th Conference for approval in document C 2015/LIM/11 "Abolition of the Incentive Scheme for Timely Payment of Assessed Contributions". Document FC 156/2 "Financial Position of the Organization", which will be presented to the 156 th Session of the Finance Committee in November 2014, provides an update on measures to encourage the timely payment of contributions and arrears.
CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS				
Report of the 98th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (17-19 March 2014)				
----- <i>Reporting Officer: Antonio Tavares</i>				
13. Convene information meetings and hold consultations with Regional Groups for review, analysis and debate of the draft rules and procedures for Participation of Civil Society Organizations and Private Sector Representatives in FAO Meetings so that the	X			The secretariat held consultations with chairs or members of regional groups concerned by the items under discussion.

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CCLM can finalize its work at its session in Autumn 2014 (para. 21 d)				
GOVERNANCE MATTERS				
Update on the Independent Review of Governance Reforms ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Masahiro Igarashi</i>				
14. Submit the draft report of the Independent Review to the 150 th Session of the Council (para. 26)	X			The draft report was submitted to the 150 th Session of the Council for discussion (CL 150/9).
OTHER MATTERS				
Progress Report on the Preparation of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Jomo Sundaram</i>				
15. Hold public web-based consultations, involving a wide range of stakeholders, to gather inputs on the draft Framework for Action (para. 28 c)	X			An online consultation, open to all stakeholders, was held in July-August 2014 on the draft Framework for Action (FFA) following its release in late July.
16. Prepare the draft Framework for Action, to serve as a technical guide for the implementation of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition by July 2014 for subsequent consideration by the Joint Working Group in September 2014 (para. 30)	X			A draft FFA was prepared and circulated to the Membership in July 2014. The draft FFA was discussed by the Joint Working Group (JWG) in early September 2014 and finalized by the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) during meetings held on 22-23 September in Geneva, and 10-12 October in Rome.
17. Convene an open-ended working group meeting, providing speaking rights to the Membership of FAO and WHO, to consider the draft Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action (para. 32)	X			The OEWG meetings were convened by the Directors-General of both Organizations on 22 and 23 September 2014 in Geneva, and from 10 to 12 October 2014 in Rome, during which the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action were finalized.

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18. Ensure that inputs provided by Non-State Actors in ICN2 be given due consideration in the finalization of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action (para. 33)	X			An informal meeting between FAO Members and representatives of Non-State Actors (NSAs) was held in Rome on 20 June 2014 and similar meetings were subsequently convened in Geneva on 11 July and 25 August, as well as web-based consultations. Furthermore, NSAs also participated in the physical meetings of the OEWG in Geneva and Rome in September and October respectively, and contributed towards the finalization of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action.
Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2014-15				

<i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>				
19. Provide further information on the Ministerial Meeting to be held on 6 October 2014 (para. 37 c)	X			Concept Note was published on the notice board of the FAO Members Gateway on 29 August 2014.

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PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS				
Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2014-15				

<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
1. Provide information in due course of the efficiency savings within the total required budgetary savings diagnosed, but not yet implemented, for a total of USD 2.7 million (para. 7 c)		X		Update provided in document FC 154/9 and Report of the 154 th Session of the Finance Committee (CL 149/4). Final update will be provided to the Finance Committee at its Session in March 2015.
2. Further engage with the International Civil Service Commission to stress the need for greater vigilance with regard to increases in staff costs across the Common System (para. 7 e)	X			Reported in document FC 156/11 and Report of the 156 th Session of the Finance Committee (CL 150/4)
3. Further cooperate with the Rome-based agencies in particular by seeking convergence of financial, administrative and management systems and processes with a view to achieving further efficiency gains and savings (para. 7 f)		X		Update provided in document FC 154/9 and Report of the 154 th Session of the Finance Committee (CL 149/4). Final update will be provided to the Finance Committee at its Session in March 2015.
Report of the 114th Session of the Programme Committee (11-15 November 2013)				

<i>ICN2 Reporting Officer: Jomo Sundaram</i>				
4. Undertake further work on creating a common understanding of nutrition, paying due note to the importance of communication and partnerships in this regard (para. 10 c)	X			Holding ICN2 is one of FAO's major activities which aims to create such a common understanding of nutrition, and importantly how to respond at policy and programme level. The ICN2 process included a strong communication and partnerships dimension involving in particular the Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Partnership Development (OPC) and the Office for Corporate Communication (OCC).

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5. In preparation for ICN2 and in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), develop a roadmap that will allow for both an intergovernmental process and consultations with civil society and private sector organizations (para.11a)	X			An indicative roadmap was prepared in January 2014 by the Joint Secretariat, covering the various work streams involved in the ICN2 process, including proposed consultations with NSAs. The roadmap was later revised on the basis of comments received and posted on the Members Gateway in March 2014.
6. The Independent Chairperson of the Council to facilitate the intergovernmental process leading to ICN2 (para.11 b)	X			The Independent Chairperson of the Council has facilitated and actively supported the ICN2 process, starting with consultations among the Membership which led to the establishment of the Joint Working Group. He arranged informal briefings on ICN2 for the Permanent Representatives and included ICN2 on the agenda of many informal meetings with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups. He also played a constructive role in discussion of ICN2 matters during the 148 th and 149 th Sessions of the Council.
FAO's Work in Social Protection ---- Reporting Officer: Robert Vos				
7. Build on internal expertise on social protection to ensure effective delivery against the Strategic Objectives and to leverage synergies consistent with its technical capacity and comparative advantages (para. 15)	X			An organization-wide delivery team for the implementation of social protection work has been established to coordinate the work oriented at achieving Outcome 3 "Social Protection" of Strategic Objective 3 SO3 "Reducing Rural Poverty", and comprises staff and expertise from 12 divisions across all technical departments and four regional offices. The team has developed a common programmatic and policy approach to social protection for food security, agricultural and rural development to serve as a guide to FAO's country support on social protection. Furthermore, various steps have been taken to strengthen FAO staff capacity in social protection in relation to FAO's mandated areas and include face-to-face training and an e-learning programme.
8. Initiate effective collaboration on social protection with Members and partners, including other UN agencies (para.16)	X			FAO-supported country and regional social protection programmes have been launched in three French-speaking Western Africa countries. FAO's "From Protection to Production (PtoP) Programme"

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				has been strengthened and coverage has been extended to several new countries, mostly in Africa. Furthermore, social protection activities are prominent in six regional initiatives, a concrete multi-year programme of collaborative work has been agreed with ILO and a similar agreement is being finalized with WFP. The PtoP programme has ongoing partnerships with UNICEF and the World Bank, and FAO is also member of the Social Protection Inter-Agency Cooperation Board (SPIAC-B).
COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY				
Report of the 40th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (7-11 October 2013)				
----- <i>Reporting Officer: Kostas Stamoulis</i>				
9. Forward the endorsed proposed amendments to Rule XXXIII of the General Rules of the Organization to the 39 th Session of the Conference in June 2015 for approval (para. 18 i)	X			Document C 2015/LIM/4 has been prepared for submission to the Conference.
10. Explore ways for the CFS to provide inputs to the decision-making process for the Post-2015 Development Agenda (para. 18 j)	X			The global segment of the “Coordination and Linkages to the CFS” during the 41 st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (October 2014) was dedicated to “Food security and nutrition in the post-2015 framework”.
11. Ensure that documents are available in all FAO languages by their applicable deadlines (para. 18 l)	X			All major session background documents for the 41 st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (October 2014) for which the Secretariat was responsible, were available in all FAO languages by the established deadlines.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS				
Report of the 97th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-23 October 2013) ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Antonio Tavares</i>				
12. Initiate a process for the reformulation of rules and procedures for the participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations in meetings of FAO (para. 20 f)	X			The secretariat held consultations with chairs or members of regional groups concerned by the items under discussion.
GOVERNANCE MATTERS				
Arrangements for an Independent Review of Governance Reforms ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>				
13. The Independent Chairperson of the Council to convene Informal Meetings of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Regional Groups for the purpose of the Independent Review (para. 22)	X			During 2014, the Independent Chairperson of the Council convened Informal Meetings with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups on 7 February, 15 May and 9 September to oversee and provide input on the draft document on the Independent Review of Governance Reforms for consideration by CL 150, and CL 151, prior to submission to the 39 th Conference in June 2015.
OTHER MATTERS				
Report of the First Meeting of the Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (Rome, 11-12 June 2013) ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Ronald Vargas</i>				
14. Submit regular reports on the implications of the main decisions and recommendations made by the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Plenary Assemblies to the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) (para. 29)	X			The Report of the Second Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership was submitted to the 24 th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG). (COAG 2014/11).

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Annual Reporting of the World Food Programme to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the FAO Council ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon</i>				
15. WFP to consolidate its current annual reporting on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review within its reporting on the implementation of the its strategic plan, and provide a thorough analysis, including through the selection and use of common UN funds and programme indicators that are fully aligned with the monitoring framework for the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, to the Executive Board and the FAO Council, with a view to ensuring full implementation (para. 35)	X			WFP submitted its annual reporting on the implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, together with a thorough analysis to CL 150, with a view to ensuring full implementation.