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Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 154th Session of the Council (30 May – 3 June 2016)

Executive Summary

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 154th Session (30 May - 3 June 2016) 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 154 th SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (30 May – 3 June 2016)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
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PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS				
Programme Implementation Report 2014-15				

<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
1. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to further efforts to consolidate decentralization in the current biennium and the next PWB, including strengthening of the regional and other decentralized offices to respond to their demands and challenges (para 7 f)		X		To be reflected in Mid-Term Review 2016 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 (March 2017).
2. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to adjustment of indicator targets and to further refinement of reporting on Outcomes and Outputs in the next PIR (para 7 m)		X		To be reflected in PIR 2016-17 (March 2018).
3. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the Director-General's decision to hold an informal seminar dedicated to gender in 2016, and to elaborate further on FAO's work and achievements on gender in a document for the seminar (para 8 b)	X			An Informal Seminar on Gender will be held on 15 December 2016, dedicated to FAO's work on gender; and will be followed by a High Level Event on 16 December 2016.
4. The Council <u>endorsed</u> the PIR 2014-15 and <u>recommended</u> that it be submitted to the Conference in July 2017 for approval (para 10)	X			See Provisional Agenda of the 40 th Session of Conference and document C 2017/8.
Regional Conferences				

<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
5. The Council (...) <u>recommended</u> that the outcomes of the Regional Conferences and the Informal Regional Conference for North America inform the review of the Strategic Framework and preparation of the Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (para 12 d)	X			See documents PC 119/2 and CL 155/3 Reviewed Strategic Framework and Outline of Medium Term Plan 2018-21

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Report of the Joint Meeting of the 119th Session of the Programme Committee and 161st Session of the Finance Committee (16 May 2016)				

<i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i>				
6. The Council (...) <u>recalled</u> the guidance from its 153 rd Session for the Secretariat to undertake an independent assessment of the technical capacity of the Organization for consideration by the Conference in 2017 (para 13 a)		X		Final document to be submitted to the Governing Bodies sessions prior to the 40 th Session of Conference in July 2017.
7. The Council (...) <u>appreciated</u> the announcement made by the Director-General that a roadmap, including a draft of the methodology and the type of indicators to be used, would be presented to the Programme Committee at its meeting in November 2016 (para 13 b)	X			Preliminary document submitted to the 120 th Session of the Programme Committee in November 2016.
8. The Council (...) appreciated that an informal briefing to Members would be arranged in early 2017 prior to finalization of the report of the assessment (para 13 c)		X		Activity planned for early 2017.
9. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing the outcome of the assessment at its April 2017 session, prior to submission to the 40 th Session of the Conference (para 13 e)		X		Final document to be submitted to the Governing Bodies sessions prior to the 40 th Session of Conference in July 2017.
10. The Council <u>acknowledged</u> the need to ensure regular translation and interpretation in all FAO languages at the Plenary Assemblies of the Global Soil Partnership and <u>requested</u> the Secretariat to take measures in this regard, for consideration by the competent Governing Bodies of FAO when preparing the PWB 2018-19 (para 14)		X		Reference to the GSP terms of reference should be taken into account.
Report of the 119th Session of the Programme Committee (16-20 May 2016)				

<i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i>				
11. The Council (...) <u>underlined</u> the importance of linking the SDG indicators to the results framework of the MTP 2018-21 (para 15 a.ii)	X			Presented in document CL 155/3 Review of FAO Strategic Framework and Outline of the Medium Term Plan 2018-21.

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12. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing the FAO Climate Change Strategy and its Plan of Action at its next session (para 15 b)	X			Presented in document PC 120/2 submitted to the 120 th session of the Programme Committee.
13. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to due attention to be given to the gender component within the upcoming evaluations of the Strategic Objectives (para 15 d)		X		Evaluations of Strategic Objectives will be submitted to the Programme Committee sessions from November 2016 through to end 2018.
14. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the request for an evaluation of FAO's work on gender for consideration by the Conference in 2019 (para 15 d)			X	Planned for submission to the 41 st Session of Conference in 2019.
15. The Council (...) <u>encouraged</u> FAO to intensify its work in resilience-building, including to address migration and internally displaced persons, in collaboration with RBAs and the relevant UN partners in line with FAO's mandate, and to address these issues in the review of the Strategic Framework and preparation of the MTP 2018-21 (para 15 i)	X			Presented in document CL 155/3 Review of FAO Strategic Framework and Outline of the Medium Term Plan 2018-21.
Report of the 161st Session of the Finance Committee (16-20 May 2016) ----- <i>Reporting Officer: David McSherry</i>				
16. The Council (...) <u>encouraged</u> the Secretariat to give particular attention to recruitment timeframes, with a view to reducing the number of vacant posts (para 16 e)		X		Presented in document FC 164/7 submitted to the 164 th session of the Finance Committee.
Coverage of FAO Decentralized Offices ----- <i>Reporting Officer: Daniel Gustafson</i>				
17. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the creation of a separate Subregional Office for West Africa, preferably based in a francophone country, with the location to be determined by the Director-General in consultation with the countries concerned (para 18 d)	X			Letters with a call for proposals to host the new Subregional Office for West Africa were sent to the Permanent Representatives of Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo, Guinea Bissau. Three proposals were received from Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal. These were shared with the Chairperson of the

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				Africa Regional Group to initiate a consultation process amongst its Members, possibly leading to a recommendation being made to the Director-General for his decision. The Africa Regional Group welcomed for the opportunity to provide input and recognized the merits of all three proposals, but did not to make a recommendation. The Director-General will now proceed with the analysis of the three proposals, taking into careful consideration the merits of each proposal, and a decision is expected in early 2017. Document CL 155/LIM/3/Add.1 refers.
18. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> the establishment of a Subregional Office for Mashreq countries in Lebanon and <u>appreciated</u> the offer and readiness of Lebanon to provide logistic, administrative and financial support to host this office, while improving the capacity of the Regional Office (para 18 e)	X			At the request of the Government of Lebanon, an FAO mission participated in an inter-Ministerial working group in Beirut in July 2016 to discuss the timeframe and modalities of establishing the Office. The resulting Host Country Agreement has been approved by both parties and will be signed by the Director-General of FAO and the Minister for Agriculture in Beirut in December 2016.
Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2016-19				

Reporting Officer: Louis Gagnon				
19. The Council noted the document for information on its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2016-19 (set out in <i>Appendix D</i> to this report) and <u>requested</u> that proposals for the adjustment of the “Results” section to make it more focused and for the definition of issues that need to be tracked over time, as well as other suggestions, be discussed and agreed upon for insertion in the revised MYPOW on the occasion of informal meetings with Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of Regional Groups convened by the Independent Chairperson of the Council (para 22)	X			The Council MYPOW was discussed at the ICC Informal Meetings held in September and October 2016 and no further inputs were provided by Members.

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Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17				

<i>Reporting Officer: Boyd Haight</i>				
20. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to continued attention to mainstreaming of gender across FAO's activities and to the implementation of the FAO Policy on Gender Equality, including consideration of UN/SWAP, as well as reporting thereon, through the standing corporate accountability mechanisms, notably the Programme Implementation Report 2014-15 in May 2016, the Mid-Term Review in March 2017, and the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review to be considered by the 40 th Session of the Conference in 2017 (para 7 f)		X		Strategic Programme Leaders continued attention to mainstreaming gender in the 2016-17 Strategic Programme work plans. The Programme Implementation Report 2014-15 was provided to the Programme and Finance Committees in May 2016, and to the Council in May/June. The Council expressed satisfaction with FAO's work and results under this cross-cutting theme and looked forward to continued mainstreaming of gender in its programmes and activities. Reporting through standing corporate accountability mechanisms continues as per Council guidance.
21. The Council (...) <u>stressed the importance</u> of the due attention to the cross-cutting themes, including gender, nutrition, climate change and governance, and <u>looked forward</u> to regular and systematic reporting on implementation of these priorities in the Mid-Term Review and Programme Implementation Reports (para 7 h)		X		Strategic Programme Leaders integrated cross-cutting themes in 2016-17 Strategic Programme work plans. Information provided to the Programme and Finance Committees and in the PIR 2014-15 , and further reporting will be provided to the Mid-Term Review in early 2017 in line with guidance from the Council.
22. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing at its session in March 2017 within the context of the Mid-Term Review 2016 the impact of management arrangements and adjustments to headquarters' structure on implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17, as well as their impact on the technical departments (para 7 l)		X		Mid-Term Review 2016 report to be prepared in early 2017
23. The Council (...) <u>urged</u> the FAO Secretariat to undertake an independent assessment of the technical capacity of the Organization, both at headquarters and in the decentralized offices, to be presented to the Conference in 2017 (para 7 m)		X		See paragraphs 6-9 above.

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Report of the 118th Session of the Programme Committee (2-6 November 2015) ----- Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo				
24. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the evaluation and management response relating to FAO's contribution on knowledge on food and agriculture and <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing progress on actions taken to address the recommendations and findings of the evaluation, notably as regards greater dissemination and outreach of knowledge products in all FAO languages (para 12 a)		X		In line with FAO's policy on evaluations, a follow-up report providing an update on the implementation of the actions set out in the Management Response will be provided to the Programme Committee at its November 2017 session.
25. The Council <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing at a future session the Committee's recommendations on a strategy for FAO's work on climate change, as well as progress on actions taken to address the recommendations of the evaluation (para 12 c)	X			A roadmap for the strategy was presented to the 119 th Session of the Programme Committee (PC 119/4), and was also submitted to the sessions of FAO's Technical Committees in 2016. The strategy itself was also presented to the Programme Committee at its November 2016 session.
26. The Council (...) took note of the progress and roadmap proposed for the independent evaluation of the evaluation function, and <u>looked forward</u> to receiving the Programme Committee's views on the final report at the 155 th Session of the Council in December 2016 (para 12 d)		X		The report of the independent evaluation of the evaluation function was submitted to the Programme Committee at its November 2016 session.
GOVERNANCE MATTERS				
Collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies ----- Reporting Officer: Mario Lubetkin				
27. The Council <u>encouraged</u> FAO to join IFAD and WFP in producing a joint paper that outlined the elements of future RBA collaboration, to be reviewed by the respective Governing Bodies in 2016 (para 40)		X		Item to be reviewed at the 155 th Session of Council in December 2016.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 150 TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (1-5 DECEMBER 2014)	Status of Implementation			COMMENTS
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Report of the Joint Meeting of the 116th Session of the Programme Committee and 156th Session of the Finance Committee (5 November 2014)				
----- <i>Reporting Officer: Rakesh Muthoo</i>				
28. The Council (...) invited the Organization to continue efforts in building partnerships with non-state actors at all levels, reiterating the request of the Joint Meeting for specific progress reports on each of the two Strategies in future [strategies with civil society organizations and the private sector] (para 15 a)	X			An annual progress report is regularly submitted to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees.