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Item 14: Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System: Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (JIU/REP/2023/5), and Management response


The Report is timely as FAO has now turned its focus to the “four Rs” – recovery from the pandemic and conflicts, reform of our systems to be fit for purpose, a rebuild of FAO’s network and capacity, and a renaissance of FAO for a better future.

The Report contains ten formal recommendations, of which four are addressed to Management and six to the Council. It also contains 34 informal recommendations.

Overall, the Report presents a positive picture of the state of management and administration in FAO, with every area under review highlighting and/or commending progress made, be it in terms of strategic vision and/or good management. It helpfully presents proposals for consideration aimed at supporting continued improvement.

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