

## **164<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council**

### **Item 6 - Report of the 128<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (8-18 June 2020)**

The Programme Committee was held from 8 to 18 June 2020. The Report of the 128<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee is submitted to the Council in document CL 164/6 Rev.1. The Programme Committee had 16 items on its agenda. It had excellent substantive discussion in a positive and constructive way. The meeting was, for the first time in history, conducted in a virtual way.

The Programme Committee reviewed crucial issues such as the Further Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-2021 and the Provisional outline of the new Strategic Framework.

The Programme Committee reviewed and discussed four items in relation to evaluations on: FAO's support to Zero Hunger (SDG2); FAO's contribution to the Eradication of Hunger, Food Insecurity and Malnutrition (SO1); FAO's statistical work; and a proposal for strengthening evaluation in Decentralized Offices. In this session, we also discussed work in technical areas, such as biodiversity, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), *Peste de Petits Ruminants* (PPR), desert locust and forestry. We will continue working closely with the Technical Committees on these items to ensure a bottom-up approach is applied, and the Committee requested informal consultation, regular updates be conducted to further enhance Members' involvement and ownership.

On the UN Food System Summit, the Committee welcomed the creation of the "Group of Friends", to enable Members to have a stronger input in the formal governance structure and to feed into the preparations for the Summit.

Regarding the Hand-in-Hand Initiative (HIHI), the Committee welcomed the HIHI as an innovative and efficient way to support Members' national planning priorities for the 2030 Agenda, and commended Management's agreement to train Members to access and use the HIHI Geospatial Platform.