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**Progress Report on the implementation of Programme Committee
recommendations**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Committee, at its 125th Session¹, agreed to have as a standing item on its Agenda a Progress report on the implementation of Programme Committee recommendations and at its 126th Session², suggested the inclusion of delivery dates, when feasible and/or a percentage of implementation rate, to measure the progress in implementation.
- This document provides an update on status of implementation of recommendations made by the Programme Committee at its previous session. This document indicates the status of implementation by traffic light and reports the delivery date or percentage of implementation rate, if applicable.
- The traffic light color-code is as follows:
 - **Completed**
 - **Ongoing**
 - **Not yet started**

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

- The Programme Committee is invited to take note of the Progress report on the implementation of Programme Committee recommendations.

Draft Advice

The Committee:

- took note of the Status of Outstanding Recommendations of the Programme Committee and looked forward to receiving an updated version of the document at its next regular session.

¹ [CL 160/3 \(para. 15 i\)](#)

² [CL 161/3 \(para. 25 b\)](#)

Status of implementation of Programme Committee recommendations

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| PLANNING AND PROGRAMME MATTERS | | | | |
| Outline of the Strategic Framework (2022-31) and Outline of the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 | | | | |
| 1. | <u>Requested</u> to further clarify the definition of "normative work" <u>REFERENCE:</u> CL 165/10 para. 9 e) | ● | 130 th Session of the Programme Committee | Clarification and further input on normative work is provided in FAO's Strategic Framework 2022-31 (doc. C 2021/7) to be presented at the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee. |
| 2. | <u>Requested</u> that Members will be informed on FAO's flagship publications prior to their publication <u>REFERENCE:</u> CL 165/10 para. 9 f) | ● | 130 th Session of the Programme Committee | Members will be duly informed of the release of FAO's flagship publications ahead of time. |
| 3. | <u>Underlined</u> the need for full alignment with the repositioning of the UN development system, including the role of the Resident Coordinators, and requested a better integration of it into the FAO Strategic Framework <u>REFERENCE:</u> CL 165/10 para. 9 o) | ● | 130 th Session of the Programme Committee | <p>FAO is fully engaged in the United Nations (UN) Development System repositioning at all levels.</p> <p>At the global level, FAO has nominated its lead experts to all 11 United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG) Task Teams established since September 2020, providing contributions to various priority streams such as Sustainable Development Goals financing, joint programming and results, policy integration, joint business operations, COVID-19 response etc.</p> <p>At regional level, FAO participates in the newly established Regional Collaborative Platforms and relevant issue-based coalitions in all the regions and engaged in the preparation of the next cycle of the Regional Sustainable Development Forums in 2021.</p> <p>At country level, FAO contributed to all 26 UN Cooperation Frameworks rolled out since 2018 under the leadership of the Resident Coordinators and is engaged in the development of 117 new Business Operations Strategies (89 percent of all - Business Operations Strategy (BOS) countries). In 2020, FAO was the fifth largest UN entity in terms of participation in United Nations Joint Programmes (UNJPs) (FAO participated in 119 UNJPs).</p> |
| 4. | Recalled the importance of incorporating the conclusions of the Regional Conferences and Technical Committees in the further development of the Strategic Framework and the Medium Term Plan, and looked forward to the incorporation of pending inputs from Governing Bodies and to receive updates at the next session of the Programme Committee. <u>REFERENCE:</u> CL 165/10 para. 9 p) | ● | 130 th Session of the Programme Committee | Inputs from Regional Conferences and the available Technical Committee reports have been incorporated in the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 (doc. C 2021/3) to be presented at the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee. |

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| 5. | Consultations with Members on the development of the Programme Priority Areas, results framework and Strategic Framework. <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 9 q), r) | ● | 130 th Session of the Programme Committee | Consultations will be held in the first trimester of 2021. |
| Strengthening the governance and oversight of FAO's Country Programming Framework (CPF) | | | | |
| 6. | <u>Requested</u> further information on the Common Country Analysis (CCA) especially on conceptualization of the preparation, implementation and follow-up, and <u>welcomed</u> its use throughout the process to validate findings and advance advocacy around the 2030 Agenda and <u>stressed</u> the need of involvement of governments in these analyses. <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 10 j) | ● | | In progress. |
| SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS | | | | |
| The Hand-in-Hand Initiative | | | | |
| 7. | <u>Requested</u> that the HIH Initiative also be extended to middle- and high-income developing countries to ensure that no one is left behind. <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 11 c) | ● | 130 th Session of the Programme Committee | This matter is addressed in document CL 166/6 Progress Report on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, to be presented at the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee. |
| 8. | <u>Stressed the need</u> to develop a cross-cutting data policy to ensure data governance, data integrity and privacy, as well as intellectual property rights, and to adhere to international standards and protocols, and <u>requested</u> FAO to report to Members on this <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 11 k) | ● | 130 th Session of the Programme Committee | Work has been initiated with a view to finalising a policy in 2021. An update will be provided to the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee. |
| Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture | | | | |
| 9. | Emphasized the importance of issues related to digital technology applications and data, including management, data protection, intellectual property rights and privacy and <u>requested</u> that these are included in the Plan of Action; <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 16 c) | ● | | Implementation of recommendation will be initiated after the Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital food and Agriculture are discussed and endorsed by the FAO Council at its 166 th Session (April 2021) and the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture is established. With regard to management, data protection, intellectual property rights and privacy, work has been initiated with a view to finalising a policy in 2021. An update will be provided to the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee. |
| 10. | <u>Requested</u> the Platform to develop a framework on the basis of the recommended practices related to digital food and agriculture for Members' consideration through FAO Governing Bodies | ● | | Implementation of recommendation will be initiated after the Terms of Reference of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture are discussed and endorsed by the FAO Council at its 166 th Session (April 2021) and the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture is established. |

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| | processes, following the review of the Terms of Reference by the Council <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 16 d) | | | |
| Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding for Antimicrobial Resistance | | | | |
| 11. | Requested consultations with Members both on the AMR Action Plan and on the proposed indicators on AMR. <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 25 b), c); CL 164/6 Rev.1 para. 15.c), d), g), i) | ● | 40% | <p>Continuous support to countries on capacity building in implementation of National Action Plans through the further implementation of FAO's tools such as FAO Assessment Tool for Laboratories and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Surveillance Systems, FAO Progressive Management Pathway for Antimicrobial Resistance, as well as the guidelines developed for surveillance and good practices on AMR and antimicrobial use (AMU).</p> <p>A proposal was approved by AMR Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) with a proportion of funds available for FAO, within the timeframe of 2021-2022. The proposal focuses on the integration of World Health Organization, World Organisation for Animal Health and FAO data on AMR/AMU into a single platform, the Tripartite Integrated Surveillance System on AMR (TISSA) platform, and on building its interoperability with data systems being developed by Tripartite Organizations.</p> <p>With initial funds available from TISSA, the work for the development of the FAO data platform for AMR/AMU in food and agriculture is being initiated to follow the same timeframe as per TISSA proposal. The aim is having an FAO data platform interoperable with TISSA and available to host AMR/AMU data in food and agriculture from Members within the timeframe of implementation of the MPTF TISSA project (2021-2022).</p> <p>Consultations on the FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance 2021-25 and the AMR indicator will take place through written inputs followed by an informal consultation with all Members.</p> |
| FAO's statistical work | | | | |
| 12. | <u>Welcomed</u> the assurance of Management that the governance of FAO statistical activities would be improved to strengthen the oversight and enhance relevance, coherence and quality standards of all of its statistics, and <u>looked forward</u> to considering a proposal for this at its 130th Session <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 164/6 Rev.1 para. 10. d) | ● | | The Office of Chief Statistician together with the Statistics Division prepared a document addressing the principal recommendations of the 2019 Evaluation of Statistics which will be presented and shared with Members at a dedicated Informal Seminar to be organized after the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee. The document also includes a proposal for an integrated governance of data and statistics which aims to unite under a single umbrella structure the work on new/alternative data sources (geospatial, big data, administrative data) and the work on statistics currently coordinated by the Interdepartmental Working Group on Statistics. |
| EVALUATION MATTERS | | | | |
| Evaluation of FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme and Management Response | | | | |

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| 13. | <u>Requested</u> further analysis on the implementation of repositioning of the UN development system in the framework of TCP <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 17 d) | ● | Joint Meeting of the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 185 th Session of the Finance Committee, March 2021 | This topic is covered in the document submitted for consideration by the Joint Meeting in March 2021. |
| 14. | Welcomed the progress made in enhancing transparency and <u>requested</u> further details especially on the criteria used in the fund allocation <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 17 e) | ● | Joint Meeting of the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 185 th Session of the Finance Committee, March 2021 | This topic is covered in the document submitted for consideration by the Joint Meeting in March 2021. |
| 15. | <u>Stressed the need</u> for a corporate monitoring system and mechanisms for quality assurance of TCP projects and accountability for the effective use of TCP funds <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 17 f) | ● | Joint Meeting of the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 185 th Session of the Finance Committee, March 2021 | This topic is covered in the document submitted for consideration by the Joint Meeting in March 2021. The Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) is embedded in the corporate monitoring and quality assurance mechanisms through the Country Programming Framework (CPF) and project cycle, is subject to audits at country, regional and corporate level and is evaluated through country evaluations. Dedicated TCP officers in the regional offices further ensure quality of individual project proposals before resources are allocated. All these mechanisms are under constant refinement and will further benefit from efforts under the initiative to reimagine TCP. |
| 16. | Noted the need to review the percentages of distribution of TCP among regions, according to 2008 FAO's Special Session of the Conference para 35, measure 3.23, and <u>recommended</u> the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees to review the issue at its next session <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 17 h) | ● | Joint Meeting of the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 185 th Session of the Finance Committee, March 2021 | This topic is covered in the document submitted for consideration by the Joint Meeting in March 2021. |
| 17. | Consultation(s) with Members regarding the relevant TCP criteria. <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 17 i), 17 j) | ● | Joint Meeting of the 130 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 185 th Session of the Finance Committee, March 2021 | This topic is covered in the document submitted for consideration by the Joint Meeting in March 2021 and will serve as the basis for consultation(s) with Members. |
| 18. | <u>Requested</u> Management to further streamline the TCP project cycle and approval procedures <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 17 l) | ● | Joint Meeting in November 2021 | The TCP evaluation has recognized the simplifications introduced since 2019 in the TCP approval process. Further efforts will ensure internal operational guidance is brought up to date, streamlined and made more effective as part of the re-imagining the TCP exercise. |
| Indicative rolling work plan of evaluations 2021-2023 | | | | |

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| 19. | <u>Invited</u> the Office of Evaluation to include, in the next update of the Work Plan, proposals for an evaluation of FAO's implementation of Conference Resolution 7/2019 "Further integration of sustainable agricultural approaches, including agroecology, in the future planning activities of FAO" <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 20 a) | ● | 131 st Session of the Programme Committee | The Office of Evaluation will include the evaluation at its next update of the Work-plan (Autumn 2021). |
| 20. | <u>Invited</u> the Office of Evaluation to organize informal presentations on: the evaluation of humanitarian – development – peace nexus, the real time evaluation of FAO's desert locust response, the evaluation on International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), if so decided by the Governing Bodies of the IPPC, the evaluation of the Lake Chad strategy, and Evaluation of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 20 b) | ● | | An informal meeting open to all FAO membership is planned to take place on 5 March 2021 to present (i) the evaluation of FAO's contribution to the humanitarian – development – peace nexus and (ii) the evaluation of the Lake Chad strategy. |
| Evaluation of FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations and Management Response | | | | |
| 21. | <u>Requested</u> the Organization to bring CSOs contributions into its main work streams and programmes through programmatic and long-term strategic partnerships <u>REFERENCE</u> : CL 165/10 para. 22 c) | ● | | The new proposed Strategic Framework (2022-2030) is based on a programmatic approach and stresses the importance of transformative partnerships as one of the core functions to achieve the results of the priority programmes. Long-term strategic partnerships with Civil Society Organizations will be proposed for each priority programme, currently under development. |