

172nd Session of the FAO Council

Item 8: Report of the Joint Meeting of the 135th Session of the Programme Committee and 195th Session of the Finance Committee (March 2023)

I am pleased to present the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 135th Session of the Programme Committee and 195th Session of the Finance Committee. This Report is submitted to the Council in document CL 172/7.

The Joint Meeting examined the *Medium Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25*, which will be directly addressed under item 3, and the *Feasibility study on the integration of administrative services among the Rome-based Agencies*.

Members welcomed the updates provided on the *Feasibility study on the integration of administrative services among the Rome-based Agencies*, highlighting opportunities for closer collaboration among the three agencies at headquarters level, and recognizing that further administrative integrative efforts shall be pursued under the overall UN efficiency agenda.

I would like to underline that, in other items, the Joint Meeting welcomed the update provided on the work of the UN Food System Coordination Hub and the preparations for the first UN Food Systems Stocktaking Moment to be held in July. It commended the Organization's ongoing efforts to strengthen the Country Programming Framework (CPF) process and welcomed the creation of a user-friendly and transparent CPF Repository webpage.

I would like to invite the Council to review the full *Report of the Joint Meeting of the 135th Session of the Programme Committee and 195th Session of the Finance Committee*. For your convenience, this report includes an executive summary and suggested action, prepared by the Secretariat.

I am pleased to provide any further explanations you may need regarding this Report.

Ms Imelda Smolčić, Chairperson of the Joint Meeting of the 135th Session of the Programme Committee and 195th Session of the Finance Committee