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### Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 166th Session of the Council (26 April-1 May 2021)

#### Executive Summary

The following table lists decisions taken by Council at its 166th Session (26 April-1 May 2021) and includes a reference to: (i) the relevant paragraph(s) of the Council Report; and (ii) the status of implementation of each decision.

The table also contains issues from prior Sessions for which updates have been requested by the Council.

#### 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 166TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL  
(26 April-1 May 2021)**

	Status of Implementation		COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	
<b>Strategic Framework 2022-31</b>			
1. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> stronger linkages between the SDGs and the four betters; (para 10. d)	X		Illustrated in the Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 (CL 168/3).
2. The Council <u>requested</u> that, consistent with the process established in the Basic Texts, an additional paper be submitted to the Conference accompanying the Strategic Framework 2022-31 and the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 with clarifications for future adjustments as appropriate, based on the Council's specific guidance, as well as guidance from the Technical Committees; (para 12)	X		Presented in document C 2021/LIM/4.

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<b>The Hand-in-Hand Initiative</b>			
3. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> regular updates on the implementation of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, including progress reports and results achieved, taking into account the importance of applying internationally-agreed standards in data management; (para 19. j)	X		A fourth report to Programme Committee and Council has been prepared to serve as the basis for discussion of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative in PC 132 and CL 168.
<b>Report of the 74th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems</b>			
4. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to strengthen its capacity in <i>ex ante</i> risk analysis and assessment and to increase its foresight analysis, going beyond 2030; (para 20. e)		X	The request is well taken, and FAO is working on strengthening its capacity in <i>ex ante</i> risk analysis and assessment, including in the context of the collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for the production of the <i>OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook</i> annual report, and on considering ways to increase its foresight analysis beyond 2030. It may be noted that the latter would require strengthening internal capacity to generate long-term foresight studies.
5. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and <u>requested</u> FAO to continue and strengthen this partnership; (para 20. h)		X	FAO maintains excellent working relations with the OECD for the production and dissemination of the well-established <i>OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook</i> report. Preparation of the new edition of the report has started, and the teams are working very closely for the completion of the cycle on time. It is expected that the report will include analysis of scenarios that are of mutual interest to both organizations. The partnership is also strengthened through close collaboration on the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and the G20 process.

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<b>Sustainable Aquaculture</b>			
6. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the further development of the Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture in 2021 and <u>requested</u> FAO to consider guidance for concrete actions for the sector; (para 22. d)	X		Following a series of regional consultations with Members, the draft Guidelines for Sustainable Aquaculture (GSA) are presently being developed, the status of the GSA process and outcomes will be presented at COFI-AQ in 2022. An Expert Consultation was held in October 2021 to review the draft of the GSA.
<b>35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries</b>			
7. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> that an Annotated Provisional Agenda for the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries is made available in all FAO languages at least eight weeks before the start of the Session to give Members sufficient time for preparation; (para 22. k)		X	The process of elaboration of the draft provisional agenda is ongoing and consistent with the Council decision. The first draft was tabled at the COFI 35 Bureau on 22 September 2021, and the second draft will be tabled at the COFI 35 Bureau meeting of 21 December 2021.

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<b>FAO Policies, voluntary guidelines, strategies and action plans</b>			
8. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> a Council discussion on a standardized procedure for the elaboration and approval of FAO policies, voluntary guidelines, strategies and action plans, taking into account the Basic Texts of the Organization, and <u>requested</u> open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Members in this regard; (para 24. d)		X	<p>The CCLM, at its 113th Session, considered CCLM document 113/2 “<i>Standardized procedures for FAO policies, voluntary guidelines, strategies and action plans</i>” under Rule XXXIV (8) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO).</p> <p>The CCLM recommended against the elaboration of a formal standardization procedure, noting the complexity of this exercise due to the broad range and volume of products developed by FAO in furtherance of its mandate, and the importance of retaining flexibility and Member consultation and engagement within the parameters established in the Basic Texts. It also observed that the procedures for the development of certain products are specified in the Basic Texts, while the applicable procedure for many others derives from their content.</p> <p>The CCLM further recommended that the Council invite the CCLM Secretariat to prepare a non-exhaustive, non-prescriptive guidance note for Members on the types of FAO products and the means for their development.</p>
<b>FAO Strategy on Climate Change</b>			
9. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> , following the adoption of the FAO Strategic Framework by the 42nd Session of the Conference; (i) regular updates to be provided to the Governing Bodies channels; (ii) inclusive consultations ahead of the 168th Session of the Council to start the development of the new FAO Strategy on Climate Change which aligns with the SDGs, based on the three dimensions of sustainable development and shared goals and cooperation towards the 2030 Agenda, the Paris		X	<p>FAO has started the development of the new Strategy on Climate Change as requested by the Council. The first consultation with FAO Members took place on the 8th of September. Members’ comments and guidance were reflected in an Annotated Outline of the Strategy submitted for discussion in the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee and for consideration in the 168th Session of the Council. A second consultation with FAO Members is scheduled for the 26th of November. The final draft of the Strategy will be submitted to the 169th Session of the Council in June 2022 for consideration. The alignment with SDGs, based on the three</p>

Agreement, and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development; (para 24. i)			dimensions of sustainable development, and shared goals and cooperation towards the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development are considered throughout the Strategy.
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<b>Decentralized Offices</b>			
10. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> Management to address the staffing structure of the Decentralized Offices in order to enhance the delivery of programmes and projects at the local level; (para 25. g)		X	DDG Thomas is leading, together with ADG-Regional Representatives, a review of the business model and staffing structure of Regional and Subregional Offices as a follow-up to the approval and implementation of the structural reforms at headquarters endorsed by the Council. The objective of this exercise is to strengthen the organizational concept of “a One FAO”, ‘breaking down the silos’ between headquarters, regional, subregional and national teams and units and strengthen capacities to more efficiently and effectively contribute to the delivery of FAO’s Strategic Framework 2022-31 and FAO programmes and projects on a budget- and post-neutral basis.
<b>Review of the jurisdictional set up of the United Nations common system</b>			
11. The Council (...) <u>welcomed</u> the work of FAO in the context of the Review of the jurisdictional set up of the United Nations common system (as per UN General Assembly Resolution 74/255B, paragraph 8), and <u>requested</u> review by the CCLM of upcoming developments in that regard; (para 26. a)		X	The Legal Office provided an update to the CCLM at its 113th session (see CL 168/10).  The Committee was informed that the UN General Assembly had requested a further report on the subject by July 2022 and that a working group of the network of Legal Counsels was formed for that purpose.  The CCLM looked forward to being updated on further developments and confirmed its readiness to consider any substantial proposals that may arise following completion of the review.

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<b>Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN)</b>			
12. The Council (...) <u>commended</u> the Committee for the endorsement of Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) and <u>requested</u> FAO to support the development of actions that are relevant to national contexts by promoting policy coherence, coordination and convergence across different domains, and to encourage application of the VGFSyN by its Members in conjunction with other specialised science and evidence-based standards, guidelines, and recommendations; (para 27. a)		X	<p>During the forty-ninth session of CFS, on 12 October 2021, FAO launched a platform of evidence and tools to support governments and stakeholders in the uptake of the VGFSyN.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>This platform was developed by FAO in collaboration with UN Nutrition to facilitate the implementation of the 105 VGFSyN recommendations for action aiming at achieving sustainable agri-food systems, enabling healthy diets and improving nutrition. This platform currently includes documents that have been published by UN bodies, such as evidence-informed, normative guidance and operational/technical guidance documents, and provide further explanation and detail for action for each of the 105 VGFSyN recommendations. The platform will be regularly updated.</p>
<b>CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises</b>			
13. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO to collaborate with the other Rome-based Agencies and relevant UN bodies to make additional efforts to promote a broad, systematic dissemination and application of the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA), especially at national level, as a useful tool for addressing food security and nutrition concerns in protracted crisis situations; (para 27. c)	X		<p>FAO, WFP and IFAD worked together as a “Technical Task Team” assisting the CFS Secretariat and its Members to develop/negotiate the CFS Framework for Action. Relating well to current policy debates on the ‘Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus,’ the CFS-FFA principles were referred to in WFP’s Strategic Plan 2017-2021, as well as reflected in FAO’s Strategic Programme under ‘Resilience.’ They are still relevant FAO’s new Strategic Framework’s “Four Betters,” namely under “Better Lives” and the Priority Programme Areas on Emergencies and Agri-food Resilience. The CFS-FFA has helped structure how FAO’s decentralised system is implementing many of the tasks embodied in the Framework. Echoing Principle 9 (Contribute to peacebuilding</p>

<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://www.fao.org/evidence-platform-agri-food-systems-nutrition/en>.



		<p>through FSN), a Conflict and Peace Unit (CPU) was created in 2018, and FAO's partnership with the UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) has grown significantly in recent years with current involvement in 16 PBF funded projects – including cross-border ones in the Sahel. Since 2017, the CPU has developed a strategic partnership with Interpeace, developing guidance and tools and working together at country level, e.g. in Somalia undertaking analyses and conflict-sensitivity training.</p> <p>Technical: In 2016, FAO developed a series of technical Guidance Notes to raise awareness of the CFS-FFA whilst supporting staff and partners in specific technical areas on key items in its work on protracted crises. They cover topics as diverse as analysis and information, gender, land-related issues, nutrition, safe access to fuel and energy, social protection and youth migration. Several trainings and events were organized to raise awareness of the CFS-FFA: in September 2016, the 3 RBAs, together with the CFS Secretariat, organized an outreach workshop in Nairobi; in July 2017, they co-led a joint CFS-RBA side event on 'protracted crises and the CFS-FFA' at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York; in March 2018, WFP backstopped a "Regional Multi-stakeholder Meeting on Addressing the Implications of Protracted Crises on Food Security and Nutrition in the Middle East Region" in Beirut, aimed at sensitizing stakeholders on the CFS-FFA and exploring new ways for its use and application in policy and field levels. A Global Thematic Event (GTE) was held at CFS 47 in 2020 to share experiences and take stock of the use and application of the CFS-FFA, with two calls for inputs between 2019 and 2020 for stakeholders to report multi-stakeholder experiences and good practices in use and uptake of the CFS-FFA or of events organized to discuss respective experiences. Under leadership of the CPU, FAO is shifting from piloting to scaling up, with multiple donors investing in multiyear projects – and agencies working together.</p>
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<b>Committee on World Food Security (CFS)</b>			
14. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> that the three Rome-based Agencies continue to share equally the cost of the Secretariat of the CFS; (para 27. f)		X	<p>The CFS Secretariat is funded by annual contributions from the three Rome-based agencies, along with extra-budgetary contributions from its Members and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The Secretariat has received contributions from all three agencies for 2021, and will continue working with senior management of all three agencies to ensure timely and equal contributions in coming years.</p>
<b>Code of Conduct for Voting</b>			
15. The Council <u>commended</u> the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) on his efforts in leading an open, inclusive and transparent consultation process towards the development of a voluntary draft Code of Conduct for Voting, and <u>requested</u> the ICC to continue such consultations with a view to having the draft finalized prior to the 42nd Session of the Conference; (para 42)		X	<p>In May 2021, the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) held numerous entire-Membership consultations on possible development of the Code of Conduct. The 42nd Session of the Conference requested the newly elected ICC to continue consultations with the Membership on the draft Code of Conduct, with a view to finalising a draft text to be submitted for consideration by the 43rd Session of the Conference, following review by the relevant Governing Bodies of the Organization. Two such entire-Membership consultations were undertaken prior to the 168th Session of the Council.</p>

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<b>Multilingualism</b>			
16. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> Management to continue improving the delivery rate of Governing Bodies' documentation in all languages by established deadlines; (para 45. d)	X		Continued improvement to the delivery rate of Governing Bodies' documentation in all languages by established deadlines was driven by enhanced internal processes, including greater attention to the bottleneck of finalisation of papers in the original language, as well as increased monitoring, underpinned by a dedicated Director-General's Bulletin issued in February 2021(ref. DGB 2021/06).
17. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> Management to present a progress report on Multilingualism at FAO to the next main session of the Council, including with regard to a strategic policy framework for multilingualism, Human Resources policies and use of digital innovations and language technologies, and further data on language products and services; (para 45. j)	X		Document CL 168/18 <i>Progress Report on Multilingualism at FAO</i> submitted for consideration by the 168th Session of the Council.

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 165TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL  
(30 November-4 December 2020)**

	Status of Implementation		COMMENTS
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<b>New Strategy for Private Sector Engagement</b>			
18. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> further information on the costs and benefits of the Strategy, <u>stressed the need</u> to avoid additional budgetary implication, and <u>requested</u> further analysis of FAO's business model and different funding sources, and information on how these will be reported on in future sessions of the Council; (para 11. h)		X	The process of developing a cost-benefit analysis (CBA), is underway, and the relevant Terms of Reference are being set, with CBA methodology being adapted to the specific context of the exercise without additional budgetary implications. Once the analysis is completed, the results will be reported in the annual progress report of the Strategy. Work on the Strategy implementation is progressing using available resources in PSR, with support provided by OCC and CSI. PSR works through a decentralized model of partnership management where Technical Divisions and Decentralized Offices have significant responsibility for managing the day-to-day relationship requirements of the partnerships they engage in, and PSR provides an overall strategic oversight, facilitation, coordination and monitoring function. Reallocation is planned within PSR to allow for adequate CONNECT Portal management and maintenance.
<b>The Hand-in-Hand Initiative</b>			
19. The Council (...) <u>stressed</u> the need 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> Management to report to Members on this at its next Session in April 2021; (para 14. i)		X	Work is ongoing to finalize corporate cross-cutting data protection and intellectual property rights frameworks as a matter of priority and urgency. At its 113th Session of the CCLM in October 2021, the Committee considered CCLM document 113/4, entitled " FAO Policies on Protection of Data and Intellectual Property Rights: FAO Data Protection Principles and Rules " which outlines the guiding principles on data protection and intellectual property rights that would shape the development of the policies in the coming month. The CCLM welcomed the Principles and recommended to the Council that Management pay particular attention to the specific matters stated in its Report para. 17 a) to h) when formulating the

			<p>policies. [See CL 168/10] The CCLM invited the Council to consider recommending to Management that it provide further briefings to Members once the legal framework is developed.</p> <p>At its 132nd Session of the PC, the Committee recalled the importance of the Proposal for improved governance of FAO statistical activities to be aligned with FAO's Policies on Protection of Data and Intellectual Property Rights, currently under development, in line with internationally agreed standards and protocols. The PC further appreciated CCLM Chairperson's briefings on the outcome of the matter on FAO Policies on Protection of Data and Intellectual Property Rights at the 113th Session of CCLM and took note of the recommendations in this regard.</p>
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<b>UN Food Systems Summit 2021</b>			
20. The Council (...) <u>underscored</u> the role of FAO in preparing the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, and <u>requested</u> that FAO continue supporting the preparatory process towards the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, including the pre-Summit to be held in Italy; (para 18. e)	X		<p>During the preparatory process towards the Food Systems Summit, FAO provided significant technical and coordination inputs. FAO directly supported Action Track 1 on “Ensuring access to safe and nutritious food” as the core UN Agency. FAO actively supported the remaining Action Tracks and the four levers of change, drawing in the extensive knowledge generated by its technical divisions. The effectiveness of this support is reflected in FAO’s involvement in over half of the coalitions recognized as emerging through the Summit process, with a co-leadership role in at least 12 coalitions.</p> <p>Both the Chief Scientist and Chief Economist played active roles in the Scientific Group. FAO hosted the Science Days in July 2021 and led the work on the modelling of food systems trade-offs.</p> <p>Through the coordination of the UN Resident Coordinators, FAO was called on to support the coordination and conduct of the Member State Dialogues in many countries. FAO continues to support the provision of data and evidence on food systems to inform the dialogues and the articulation of national transformation pathways, including through Rapid Food Systems Assessments.</p> <p>A three day pre-Summit event was hosted by FAO in collaboration with the Food Systems Summit Secretariat and the Italian Government on 26-28 July 2021. The role of FAO in the success of this event was widely recognized. 546 participants were accommodated in person including 61 Ministers and 271 non-State actors from 108 countries. Over 17,000 people participated virtually with 191 countries engaging in the event.</p>

		<p>Building on the pre-Summit event, the Food Systems Summit was held virtually on 23 September. 50,000 people from 193 countries connected, with 163 countries making statements committing to transform their food systems, including 77 at the level of Heads of State and Government.</p> <p>The Summit delivered a portfolio of action. To ensure that the portfolio of action is taken forward at country and global level, a coordination hub, which will be hosted by FAO, is in the process of being established in coordination with WFP and IFAD and other UN Agencies.</p>
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<b>Committee on Agriculture and Committee on Forestry</b>			
21. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> strengthening coordination between COFO and COAG on cross-sectoral matters and recommended that in the future any papers dealing with inter-related issues between agriculture and forests be presented to both COFO and COAG; (para 22. 1)	X		The draft provisional agenda for COAG 28 foresees a Joint paper with COFO on addressing cross-sectoral and interrelated issues for forests and agriculture.
<b>Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)</b>			
22. The Council approved the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) endorsed its observations and recommendations on the (...) Technical Cooperation Programme; (para 24. a)  <i>[The Committee (...) <u>requested</u> Management to further streamline the TCP project cycle and approval procedures; (CL 165/10 para 17. l)]</i>		X	A first round of internal consultations to further streamline the TCP project cycle and approval procedures was completed. Additional streamlining efforts resulted in further simplification of approvals, a simplified and strengthened results focus in project design and reporting, clearer and harmonized linkages to Country Programming Frameworks, the repositioned UN system and the Strategic Framework 2022-31 through Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).  Internal consultations will continue, in particular in the context of the modernization of the Project Cycle that has started following the extensive Audits of 2019.
23. The Council (...) <u>endorsed</u> observations and recommendations in the Report of the 183rd Session [of the Finance Committee] on (...) the Technical Cooperation Programme; (para 26. a)  <i>[The Committee (...) <u>requested</u> Management to continue its efforts to ensure full implementation of the TCP appropriations as approved by the Conference; (CL 165/11 para 10. d)]</i>		X	The full implementation of the TCP appropriations will be ensured. Re-programming of savings due to COVID-19 has been completed. The cumulative average monthly TCP expenditure for eighteen months ended 30 June 2021 was USD 5.1 million. This in in comparison with a cumulative monthly TCP expenditure for eighteen months ended on 30 June 2019 of USD 4.9 million (pre COVID-19 pandemic).  The 2020-21 appropriation is forecast to be fully committed. As of 31 October 2021, approvals against the 2020-21 have



			reached 94 percent and are in line with previous biennia at the same point in time.
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### Country Programming Frameworks

<p>24. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Country Programming Frameworks; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested further information on the Common Country Analysis (CCA) especially on conceptualization of the preparation, implementation and follow-up; (CL 165/10 para 10. j)]</i></p>	X		<p>The approach to country-level programming is included in the Strategic Framework 2022-31 (C 2017/7) and Medium Term Plan 2022-25/Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 (C 2021/3) and further elaborated in the Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 (CL 168/3). An improved approach to more fully integrate Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs) in the strategic results framework was presented in CL 168/3 Section II B and Annexes 1 and 3. It provides a stronger alignment of FAO country planning, monitoring and reporting to the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework requirements and processes.</p>
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### Gender Action Plan

<p>25. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Gender Action Plan; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested a separate chapter on progress achieved under the Gender Action Plan in the MTR (Mid-Term Review) and PIR (Programme Implementation Report); (CL 165/10 para 15. b)]</i></p>	X		<p>The Gender Action Plan was presented to Programme Committee (PC 132/4) in November 2021. Reporting on progress under the Gender Action Plan will be included in the corporate reporting in the Programme Implementation Report and Mid Term Review Synthesis Report.</p>
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<b>Joint Evaluation on Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies</b>			
<p>26. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Terms of Reference of the Joint Evaluation on RBA collaboration; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested a presentation of the preliminary results in time to contribute to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021; (CL 165/10 para 24. c)]</i></p>		X	<p>The Joint Evaluation on RBA Collaboration has been completed in September 2021 by the external independent evaluation team, managed by FAO, IFAD and WFP evaluation offices. The main findings and recommendations were presented at the Fifth Informal Joint Meeting of the FAO Council, IFAD Executive Board and WFP Executive Board held on 20 October 2021, hosted by IFAD. The summary evaluation report and the management response will be included in the proposed agenda for FAO Programme Committee scheduled in Spring 2022.</p>
<b>FAO Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)</b>			
<p>27. The Council <u>approved</u> the Report of the 129th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular (...) <u>endorsed</u> its observations and recommendations on the (...) Evaluations relating to (...) Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations; (para 24. a)</p> <p><i>[The Committee (...) requested the Organization to bring CSOs contributions into its main work streams and programmes through programmatic and long-term strategic partnerships; (CL 165/10 para 22. c)</i></p> <p><i>requested the Organization to use multilaterally agreed concepts as well as science- and evidence-based linkages in the Strategy; (CL 165/10 para 22. g)]</i></p>		X	<p>The new Strategic Framework 2022-31 stresses the importance of transformative partnerships as one of the important core functions to leverage the “four betters”. PSU will support all the priority programmes to identify strategic CSO partners to enhance their impact and upscale the results.</p> <p>FAO is undertaking a mapping of relevant CSOs globally, to capitalize on lessons learned and best practices and develop guidance materials and knowledge products that can be used for effective collaboration and capacity development of the stakeholders.</p>

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<b>Article XIV Bodies</b>			
28. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> the ICC to continue his consultations on the revised procedure for the selection and appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies, as set out in Annex 1 to document CL 165/12, with a view to finding a lasting solution agreeable to the concerned Article XIV Bodies and the FAO Management, and submit a paper to the 166th Session of the Council outlining areas where consensus cannot be reached, along with information on any alternative proposals made; (para 28. c)		X	Document CL 166/18, Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies, is submitted to the Council at its 166th Session, outlining areas where consensus has not been reached and includes information on the status of ongoing consultations and any alternative proposals made. The CCLM reviewed this matter at its 112th Session. At the time of writing this document, consultations are ongoing and any further updates will be provided to the Council.

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 164TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL  
(6-10 July 2020)**

	Status of Implementation		COMMENTS
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<b>Evaluation of FAO's Statistical Work</b>			
29. The Council (...) <u>looked forward</u> to the updated strategy for FAO's statistical work; (para 18. g)	X		<p>FAO presented a comprehensive proposal for strengthening the governance of FAO statistical activities to Members, first at an Informal Seminar for Permanent Representatives on 9 April 2021, and hence to the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee, 8-12 November (document PC 132/5). The proposal addresses the different issues and recommendations raised by the Evaluation of FAO's Statistical Work, and chiefly, suggests a governance structure that is based on the recommendations of the UN Secretary General's Data Strategy.</p> <p>The statements delivered at the 132nd Programme Committee regarding the content of the document were generally supportive of the proposed governance structure, centered on a Data Coordination Group and an Executive Data Champion, and appreciated that the key recommendations of the Evaluation of FAO Statistical Work were taken fully into account in the document.</p> <p>As such, the Programme Committee, <i>inter alia</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) took note of the Proposal for improved governance of FAO statistical activities, which aims at better managing the data for the elaboration of statistics in support of the work of the Organization, and encouraged FAO to further develop the document;</li> <li>b) recalled the importance of the Proposal to be aligned with FAO's Policies on Protection of Data and Intellectual Property Rights, currently under development, in line with internationally agreed standards and protocols;</li> <li>c) appreciated the comprehensive approach of the Proposal, in particular the plan for strengthening the statistical capacity of</li> </ul>

			<p>Decentralized Offices and the efforts to optimize resource allocation and intensify resource mobilization;</p> <p>d) appreciated the measures proposed by Management to further enhance the quality of the Organization's statistical work, including the modernization of the information technology (IT) infrastructure, in compliance with tendering procedures;</p> <p>e) recommended continued informal briefings and consultations with Members through the Governing Bodies on the data for elaboration of statistics and statistical work of the Organization, and recognized Management's commitment to update Members on statistical information and the document under development.</p> <p>Management will take into account all the Programme Committee's recommendations and present an updated document to a subsequent session of the Committee.</p>
<b>Delegation of Authority</b>			
30. The Council (...) <u>reiterated</u> the request of both the Finance Committee and the Council for further delegation of authority in line with GRO XXXVIII (5); (para 19. f)		X	A cross-cutting and inclusive process for review of delegation of authority is close to finalisation.

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 163RD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL  
(2-6 December 2019)**

	Status of Implementation		COMMENTS
	Completed	Ongoing	
<b>Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) Collaboration</b>			
31. The Council (...) <u>requested</u> FAO together with WFP and IFAD to provide a first assessment regarding the feasibility of integrating administrative functions, and greater collaboration in some oversight functions, to be submitted to the 2020 end of year sessions of the FAO Council and the Executive Boards of IFAD and WFP for consideration; (para 9. c)		X	<p>The RBAs are fully committed to strengthen their collaborative efforts within the United Nations Development System (UNDS) repositioning, particularly in terms of country planning and programming, through Common Country Analysis (CCA) and joint contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs). In the area of corporate services, it was found that a large part of joint corporate services at country level can be potentially implemented through the Business Operations Strategy, under the leadership of the UN Country Teams.</p> <p>With regards to Members' request to provide a first assessment of the feasibility of integrating administrative functions, a mapping of potential and ongoing areas of collaboration of administrative, finance, Human Resources and oversight functions was provided in the Progress Report of the Rome-based Agencies. A preliminary examination of two pilot areas was completed but Members requested a more comprehensive review. With the Joint Evaluation now complete and being discussed by respective Governing Bodies, the feasibility assessment will be undertaken and completed by May 2022.</p>