

165th Session of the Council

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Item 19 - Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO

Member Name	Comments
Australia – Member (Wednesday 25/11/20 10:15)	Australia notes the developments in <i>fora</i> of importance to the FAO. In particular, we welcome the establishment of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) by the FAO/World Health Organization (WHO)/World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Tripartite to which Australia’s Federal Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Sussan Ley MP, has been appointed for a period of two years from November 2020. This representation reflects the high importance Australia places on global cooperation on AMR issues, which requires a One Health approach, with coordinated action across the animal and human health, environment, agricultural and food sectors.
Indonesia – Member (Thursday 26/11/2020 14:08)	We thank Secretariat for preparing the document CL/165/INF/4. On latest developments on the SDG Indicator Framework and the financing mechanisms for SDG Data and Statistics: Can the Secretariat elaborate more on how the Hand-in-Hand Initiative will benefit from the Clearinghouse initiative in the World Data Forum? On the UN Summit on Biodiversity: Can the Secretariat inform us on the most relevant aspect of the Summit’s outcome to the current work of FAO, in particular the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), Committee on Forestry (COFO), and the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)?
Dominican Republic – Member (Thursday 26/11/2020 17:18)	The Dominican Republic [a] appreciates updates to the work being done on the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators (in particular the finalizing of the guidelines on disaggregating the indicators under FAO custodianship), while encouraging the expansion and strengthening of capacity building in countries, taking into account middle- and upper-middle-income Members, [b] also emphasizes that this initiative is in line with the results of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, in which Ministers recommended that FAO continue to improve monitoring, evaluation and knowledge management through the use of impact and outcome indicators, and to promote the alignment of indicators among countries in the region, [c] is grateful for the additional information regarding the establishment of the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), stressing that the principles of gender equity and geographical diversity should be taken into account when selecting its members, and also [d] requests that the Council be kept updated on the progress made on establishing the two additional platforms that will form part of the overall governance of AMR. Also, [e] takes note of FAO's contributions to the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, while encouraging the further strengthening of the Hand-in-Hand Geospatial Platform, which promotes transparency, accountability and learning, thereby contributing to the creation of resilient and sustainable food systems and the achievement of the SDGs.
Brazil – Member (Thursday 26/11/2020 19:11)	Brazil has participated in the Biodiversity Summit and is actively engaged in the negotiation of the Global Biodiversity Framework post-2020, underscoring the need to achieve balance between the three dimensions of sustainable development, as well as the three pillars of the Convention of Biological Diversity: conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing. We believe that the new framework must take into account the need of adequate financial resources and

	<p>other means of implementation to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in developing countries, helping them harness the potential of bioeconomy and promote the 2030 Agenda as a whole.</p> <p>Brazil welcomes the participation of FAO in international events and processes that address the linkages between biodiversity, food systems and food security and nutrition in a balanced and science-based way.</p>
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