

## **28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture**

### **Item 4.3: Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee (MYPOW)**

The progress report of COAG's Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2020-2023 and the draft COAG MYPOW 2022-2025 are submitted to the 28th Session of COAG for review and endorsement. The current COAG MYPOW has been developed on the basis of guidance received from the Committee and intends to provide a solid basis for guiding its work in the 2020-23 period. The document is presented as a rolling plan, presenting the method of work of the Committee, and follows the format already set out by the Committee in 2012.

Since 2012, the first five MYPOWs of the Committee have constituted an important step towards the improvement of COAG's efficiency and transparency by guiding the work of COAG and its Secretariat over the last ten years. In this regard, the Secretariat provided regular progress reports to the COAG Bureau, the Committee, the Council and Conference.

During the intersessional period, the Bureau, supported by the Secretariat, held 14 meetings to monitor and provide guidance on the COAG 27 recommendations and actions and prepare the COAG 28 agenda, including informal consultations with Members and relevant FAO technical divisions and offices. Further consultations have been conducted to strengthen the collaboration and coordination between the FAO Technical Committees.

The establishment of the COAG Livestock Sub-Committee has strengthened work and coordination on livestock issues thereby contributing to COAG Sessions and deliberations.

The development of the draft MYPOW for the 2020-2023 period was based on the guidance received from relevant Governing Bodies and the Bureau. It is anticipated that COAG will continue to play a leading role in advising on key issues. Outstanding and strategic issues to be tracked overtime by future sessions include the need to accelerate progress and scale up efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 1 and 2. These will be further informed by relevant regional developments and trends discussed in the Regional Conferences, and by the priorities under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31, the MTP and PWB, and its Programme Priority Areas, related to COAG's mandate. In this context, the Committee will need to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and of other threats, such as conflicts, shocks and crises on food security and nutrition, agriculture production and agrifood systems.

Due to its rolling nature, the MYPOW should be considered as a "living document" and, as such, it can be subject to constant improvement and refinement, based on consultations among Bureau members during the intersessional period.

The Committee is invited to:

- *review* the progress report of the implementation of the approved MYPOW 2020-2023, in accordance with its overall objectives and mandate; and
- *approve* the proposed MYPOW 2022-2025 as set out in the Annex.

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