

## **165th Session of the Council - written Correspondence Procedure**

### **Item 7.2: Report of the 35th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific**

#### **Secretariat response to written questions from the Council**

FAO expresses appreciation for the submission of comments by Members.

FAO thanks Australia for its correspondence and confirms that providing appropriate technical support to Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) will be a priority. FAO also confirms that the expanded Regional Initiative on Climate Change will incorporate work on the environmental, economic and community aspects of fisheries.

FAO will strive to become more flexible and efficient in the use of financial and human resources to respond to Members' needs, work to enhance and deepen collaboration with regional institutions, and apply a One Health approach to dampen the spread of zoonotic diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance.

FAO would like to thank Indonesia for its correspondence and its compliments regarding the organization of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC). Building on the agreements achieved during the APRC, FAO will strive to help countries mainstream a food systems approach in national planning processes while reinforcing agriculture's role in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1 and 2. Through its expanded Regional Initiative on Climate Change, FAO will also work to support sustainable livelihoods and reduce the risks of climate change.

FAO will strive to be more efficient in programme implementation, including through the United Nations Development System repositioning, and especially in providing support to smallholder family farmers and other vulnerable groups. FAO will also work to bolster its work in statistics pertaining to agriculture, food security and nutrition. Finally, FAO looks forward to working more closely with Indonesia through Triangular and South-South Cooperation to make agriculture in the region more competitive and to improve food security and nutrition for all.