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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Twenty-eighth Session

18 - 22 July 2022

Provisional Timetable

Executive Summary

1. Delegates are kindly invited to note that the provisional timetable provides information on the Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), which will be held in hybrid format.
2. In order to ensure optimal time management of the Session in hybrid mode, the following six agenda items will be addressed through the written correspondence procedure:
 - [2.4] Progress report on the FAO Action Plan on AMR
 - [2.7] The catalyser role of the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028 (UNDF) and progress towards its implementation
 - [3.5] Progress towards the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
 - [4.2] Implementation of the recommendations of the 27th Session of the Committee
 - [4.3] Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee (MYPOW)
 - [4.4] Proposal for an International Day of Potato
3. Discussion of the draft conclusions of COAG for the above six agenda items take place in hybrid plenary session as outlined in this document.
4. Details of “Special Procedures for a Hybrid Meeting of the Committee on Agriculture exceptional to its 28th Session”, including the written correspondence procedure, are set out in the Annex to this document.

Monday, 18 July 2022

Morning (09.30 – 12.00 hours)

- Item 1.1 Official opening of the COAG
- Item 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (*COAG/2022/1 Rev.1; COAG/2022/INF/1*)
- Item 1.3 Nomination of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee
- Item 2.1 Report of the First Session of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock (*COAG/2022/5; COAG/2022/21*)

Afternoon (14.00 – 16.30 hours)

- Item 2.2 FAO Strategic Priorities for Food Safety within the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031 (*COAG/2022/6*)
- Item 3.2 State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture (SOLAW21) (*COAG/2022/14*)

Evening (17.00 – 19.30 hours)

- Item 3.3 Governance of tenure of water resources for food and agriculture (*COAG/2022/15*)
- Item 3.4 Guidance on agricultural plastics (*COAG/2022/16*)

Tuesday, 19 July 2022**Morning (09.30 – 12.00 hours)**

- Item 2.3 One Health and related policy and technical guidance (COAG/2022/7)
- Item 3.1 Progress report on the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and its 2021-23 Action Plan (COAG/2022/13)

Afternoon (14.00 – 16.30 hours)

- Item 2.8 Agriculture and forestry linkages (COAG/2022/12)
- Item 2.6 Promoting more coherent and integrated Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS) by strengthening national agricultural research and extension systems (COAG/2022/10)

Evening (17.00 – 19.30 hours)

- Item 3.6 Report of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) (COAG/2022/18; COAG/2022/23)
- Item 3.7 Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy on Climate Change (COAG/2022/20 Rev.1)

Wednesday, 20 July 2022**Morning (09.30 – 12.00 hours)**

- Item 2.5 The future of food and agriculture (FOFA) – Drivers and triggers for transformation (COAG/2022/9)
- Item 4.1 FAO's Programme of Work in the Agrifood Sectors under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 (COAG/2022/2)

Afternoon (14.00 – 16.30 hours)**Written Correspondence Procedure- draft conclusions only**

- Item 2.4 Progress report on the FAO Action Plan on AMR (COAG/2022/8)
- Item 2.7 The catalyser role of the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028 (UNDFE) and progress towards its implementation (COAG/2022/11)
- Item 3.5 Progress towards the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030 (COAG/2022/17)

Thursday, 21 July 2022**Morning (09.30 – 12.00 hours)****Written Correspondence Procedure- draft conclusions only**

- Item 4.2 Implementation of the recommendations of the 27th Session of the Committee (COAG/2022/3)
- Item 4.3 Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee (MYPOW) (COAG/2022/4)
- Item 4.4 Proposal for an International Day of Potato (COAG/2022/19)

Plenary discussion

- Item 3.8 Development of Regional Action Plans for the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy (2022-25) (COAG/2022/22)

Afternoon (14.00 – 16.30 hours)

- Item 4.5 Date and Place of the next Session
- Item 4.6 Election of the Bureau Members of the 29th Session of the Committee
- Item 4.7 Any other Matters

Friday, 22 July 2022**Afternoon**

- Item 5 Adoption of the Report (time to be announced)

ANNEX

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR A HYBRID MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE EXCEPTIONAL TO ITS 28TH SESSION**I. Introduction**

1. This annex outlines the special procedures to be applied to the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) on an exceptional basis in light of the hybrid modality of the Session, necessary to meet health and safety considerations arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The COAG Chairperson has consulted with Members on the modalities of the 28th Session of the COAG. The outcome of these consultations are reflected in the special procedures outlined in this annex. Members of the Committee will be invited to endorse these special procedures under item 1 of the Provisional Agenda of the 28th Session of the COAG. The Report of the Session will record COAG's endorsement of these procedures in order to ensure the integrity of the Report of the Session and all recommendations and decisions contained therein.
3. These special procedures apply on an exceptional basis for the 28th Session of the COAG in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting hybrid modality, comprising both in-person and virtual dimensions of this COAG session. The adoption of such procedures shall not create a precedent for the working methods of the Committee for any of its future sessions.

II. Functions of the COAG

4. The terms of reference of the Committee as laid down in [Rule XXXII of the General Rules of the Organization](#) include the following:
 - (a) conduct periodic reviews and appraisals, on a highly selective basis, of agricultural and nutrition problems, with a view to concerted action by Member Nations and the Organization;
 - (b) advise the Council on the overall medium- and longer-term programme of work of the Organization relating to agriculture and livestock, food and nutrition, with emphasis on the integration of all social, technical, economic, institutional and structural aspects related to agricultural and rural development in general;
 - (c) review, with similar emphasis, the biennial programmes of work of the Organization and their implementation in areas falling within the competence of the Committee;
 - (d) review specific matters relating to agriculture and livestock, food and nutrition referred to the Committee by the Conference, the Council or the Director-General, or placed by the Committee on its agenda at the request of a Member Nation in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, and make recommendations as may be appropriate; and
 - (e) report to the Council and tender advice to the Director-General, as appropriate, on any other matter considered by the Committee.
5. The hybrid modality of the 28th Session of the COAG does not alter any of the functions of the Committee outlined in this document.

III. Conduct of Debate

6. All meetings of the 28th Session of the COAG will be conducted in hybrid modality with both physical presence in FAO headquarters and participation through the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The Zoom meeting will be broadcast on large screens inside the meeting room so that participants attending the Session physically will be able to see the participants attending the meeting virtually, and vice-versa.
7. Due to the restrictions in place for the containment of the COVID-19 pandemic, a limited number of individuals will attend the meeting in-person. More details are provided in the [COVID-19 Protocol for access to FAO headquarters and related safety measures](#), available on the Governing Bodies Servicing webpage. Two representatives per Member of the Committee, as well as the Chairperson, will be invited to attend the meeting in physical modality in the Plenary Hall, FAO headquarters.

8. The Green Room will be available for additional delegates of Members as well as representatives of the Observers of the Committee should they wish to follow the meeting in-person inside FAO headquarters.

9. Any further refinements to the modality for physical participation for the 28th Session of the COAG will be communicated immediately before the start of the session.

10. COAG Members and Observers attending the meeting virtually will be granted equal accessibility and capability inside the Zoom meeting platform and will be able to address the Committee by requesting the floor using the ‘raise hand’ function in the Zoom platform.

11. At the end of the debate on each item, the Chairperson will present a summary of the conclusions and recommendations emerging from the debate. The draft conclusions of agenda items will be displayed to all Members and Observers of the 28th Session of the COAG through the “share screen” function on the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The conclusions will also be visible on dedicated screens in the meeting room for participants attending the meeting in-person. Any adjustments to the draft conclusions will be made on the screens in real time.

12. The meetings of the Drafting Committee of the 28th Session of the COAG will be held in hybrid format in the same manner as its Plenary meetings.

IV. Written Correspondence Procedure

13. The following sub-items on the Agenda of the 28th Session of the COAG shall be addressed through a Written Correspondence Procedure:

- Item 2.4 – Progress report on the FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2021-2025
- Item 2.7 – The catalyser role of the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028 (UNDF) and progress towards its implementation
- Item 3.5 – Progress towards the implementation of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030
- Item 4.2 – Implementation of the recommendations of the 27th Session of the Committee
- Item 4.3 - Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Committee
- Item 4.4 - Proposal for an International Day of Potato

14. The Written Correspondence Procedure aims to allow more time for the discussions in Plenary and to allow the Committee to address all items on its Agenda in a timely manner.

15. Under this procedure, Members will be asked to submit any comments and questions in writing to the Secretariat; and will be provided with written responses where applicable.

16. Members are invited to submit written inputs by Friday, 1 July 2022, to FAO-COAG@fao.org. All inputs received will be published on the website of the 28th Session of the COAG. The Secretariat will provide written responses, where necessary, which will be made available ahead of the Committee’s discussion of the item in Plenary.

17. The COAG Chairperson will draft summary conclusions for the agenda items considered through the Written Correspondence Procedure on the basis of this written exchange. The Committee will address these draft conclusions at a Plenary meeting of the Committee as indicated in the Timetable, and in line with the procedure described in paragraph 11 of this Note. As per established practice of the Written Correspondence Procedure, the sovereign right of Members to discuss agenda items in Plenary meetings is not constrained.

18. The Committee will be invited to endorse this procedure under Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda of the 28th Session of the COAG.

V. Reports and Records

19. The Draft Report for Adoption will be prepared by the Drafting Committee of the 28th Session of the COAG, and will be circulated to the Members of the Committee as soon as possible before the Adoption of the Report, in accordance with established practice.
20. The Report of the 28th Session of the COAG will be communicated in accordance with Rule VI.1 and VI.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Agriculture.
21. The Report of the 28th Session of the COAG will record the Committee's consensus on the amended modalities for the Session outlined in this Note.
22. The Report of the 28th Session of the COAG will record the Committee's agreement that participation by virtual means constituted attendance at the Session.

VI. Other Matters

23. All documents for the session are prepared and disseminated by the Secretariat as per established practice, in all six languages of the Organization, and will be made available on the Committee's website at <http://www.fao.org/coag/en>.
24. In order to streamline the proceedings of the 28th Session of the COAG, introductions to agenda items are circulated in writing in advance of the Session.
25. In addition, interventions by Members will be limited to a maximum of three minutes and multi-Member statements will be limited to a maximum of five minutes.
26. The time zone applicable to the 28th Session of the COAG's Timetable will be Central European Summer Time (UTC +2).
27. The meetings of the 28th Session of the COAG will be scheduled from 9.30 to 12.00 hrs in the morning, from 14.00 to 16.30 hrs in the afternoon, and from 17.00 to 19.30 hrs in the evening.
28. The Chairperson of the COAG may call for a short break of up to ten minutes at any time during the meeting.
29. The Drafting Committee of the 28th Session of the COAG will convene its meeting after the conclusion of the Committee's consideration of all agenda items.
30. Simultaneous interpretation in all six languages of the Organization will be provided for all Plenary meetings of the 28th Session of the COAG.