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MEETING

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Fast-spreading transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases represent a severe threat to livelihoods worldwide. The rapid and increasingly common expansion of such pests and diseases may compromise the food security of millions of people, jeopardizing the economies of entire communities and countries. Concrete and rapid action must be taken to help farmers, their families, and their communities to respond effectively and sustainably to such threats, while rebuilding livelihoods and ensuring resilience. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) can play a pivotal role

in coordinating the many actors involved in these efforts, from local communities to specialized international organizations and resource partners. As part of these efforts, a resource partners' consultative meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 November 2017, to examine the threats from three transboundary animal and plant threats, while demonstrating the path forward in helping farmers, communities, countries and regions to respond effectively and sustainably to decrease the threats to food and nutrition security and increase resilient livelihoods.

► **FALL ARMYWORM (FAW)** is an insect native to tropical and sub-tropical America, capable of feeding on over 80 crops. The FAW arrived in Africa in early 2016 and has rapidly spread across Sub-Saharan Africa, and will probably continue its expansion. The insect is now infesting millions of hectares of maize across Africa, a subsistence crop mostly grown by smallholder family farmers with no experience of the pest, and few resources to manage it. Without proper management, the FAW could cause significant threat to local food and nutrition security and cause billions of dollars in losses.

FAO presented, in October 2017, a major five-year programme for action to help farmers and countries sustainably manage FAW in Africa, requiring an urgent investment of USD 87 million.

A FAW high level pledging event with resource partners is scheduled to be organized by FAO in Rome in early 2018.

► **BANANA FUSARIUM WILT DISEASE**, caused by a soil-borne fungus and its new race 'Tropical Race 4 (TR4)', has spread quickly throughout Asia and the Pacific, recently reaching the Near East and Africa. Concerns were raised that it might spread further to Latin America. TR4 mainly affects the Cavendish variety, the popular banana found largely in markets today, which represents around half of global production, posing serious repercussions on the entire global banana value chain.

FAO launched, in October 2017, a five-year global programme (2018-2023), which requires an overall investment of USD 98 million.

► **PESTE DES PETITS RUMINANTS (PPR)**

sheep and goat plague – a fast-spreading viral disease that affects and kills small ruminants (sheep and goats). Since its initial identification in Côte d'Ivoire, the disease has spread at an alarming rate to over 70 countries in Africa, the Near East, Turkey and Asia. PPR causes annual economic losses of up to USD 2.1 billion, and has a major destabilizing effect on 300 million poor households and their communities in the affected regions. PPR remains an imminent threat for disease-free countries such as the European Union due to illegal movements of live animals. A PPR global control and eradication strategy developed by FAO and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) was adopted in April 2015 with the vision of achieving the global eradication of PPR by 2030.

An initial five-year global programme (2017–2021) was launched by FAO and OIE in October 2016. The cost of the PPR programme is estimated at USD 996 million.

A PPR pledging conference is scheduled to be organized by FAO and OIE in collaboration with the European Union in Brussels during the first semester of 2018.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

VENUE: **FAO headquarters, King Faisal Room (D 263)**

DATE: **28 November 2017**

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| 09.00-09.30 | <i>Welcome and registration</i> |
| 09.30-09.45 | Opening remarks: Combatting animal and plant pests and diseases for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals |
| 9.45-10.00 | FAO framework for preventing, preparing and responding to transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases |
| 10.00-11.20 | PARTNERS MEETING: Sustainable Management of the Fall Armyworm (FAW) <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Presentation of FAO Programme for Action for the Sustainable Management of the Fall Armyworm in Africa— Interventions by Ghana and Zambia— Questions and Answers |
| 11.20-11.30 | <i>Coffee and Tea</i> |
| 11.30-12.30 | Sustainable Management of the Fall Armyworm (FAW) – session continued <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Statements, comments and inputs by Resource Partners— Conclusions |
| 12.30-14.00 | <i>Lunch Break</i> |
| 14.00-15.20 | PREPARATORY CONSULTATION: Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) Donors Meeting 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Presentation of the PPR Global Eradication Programme— Interventions by France and Mali— Partner statement by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)— Statement by the European Union— Questions and Answers, and Closing Remarks |
| 15.20-15.30 | <i>Coffee and Tea</i> |
| 15.30-16.30 | BRIEFING: Rapid spread of the Banana Fusarium Wilt Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Presentation of the Global Programme on Banana Fusarium Wilt Disease— Intervention by Uganda— Partner Statements by Bioversity International, World Banana Forum and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)— Questions and Answers, and Closing Remarks |



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