

28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture - Written correspondence procedure
Item 4.2 Implementation of the recommendations of the 27th Session of the Committee
Secretariat response to written questions from the Members

The Secretariat expresses its appreciation for the comments received for the Document COAG/2022/3: “Implementation of the recommendations of the 27th Session of the Committee”. All comments are duly noted and recorded below.

The Secretariat appreciates Japan’s recognition of its work towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. With regards to the comments on the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) and its Scientific Advisory Group (SAG), the Secretariat wishes to express its concurrence with the opinion of Japan that new SAG Members need sufficient time to learn the process and practices of the GIAHS sites designation and took note of the recommendation to extend the term of SAG experts from the current two years to three years. FAO will explore solutions with respect to the term of SAG experts in support of an efficient and effective GIAHS programme implementation.

The Secretariat appreciates the support expressed by the European Union and its 27 Member States to COAG’s efforts towards achieving the 2030 Agenda as well as acknowledgement of FAO’s engagement in the post-UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) process and its implementation of recommendations reported under item “Update on COVID-19 and its impact on food security and nutrition, and food systems”.

The Secretariat took note of the invitation to continue pursuing the recommendations addressing challenges that are still to be tackled and to regularly report in that regard.

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