



CONFERENCE

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Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 (Extract)

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Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27¹

9. The Council reviewed document C 2025/3, *Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27*, and in particular:

- a) endorsed the conclusions on the Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 of the Sessions of the Programme and Finance Committees, and of their Joint Meeting, held in March 2025;
- b) appreciated Management's efforts to continue delivering the Programme of Work in the context of increasing needs and unprecedented challenges;
- c) noting the cost increases estimated at USD 50.8 million, appreciated the significant efforts made by the Director-General to prepare a budget for 2026-27, and took note of additional information on a budgetary scenario provided in Information Note 1;
- d) commended the integration of innovation into the PPAs, and welcomed FAO's ongoing commitment to prioritizing innovative approaches for enhancing savings and efficiency;
- e) emphasized the importance of the strategic review of vacant posts having minimal disruption to priority areas of work;
- f) re-emphasized the critical importance of the TCP for delivering FAO's mandate on the ground, recognized the TCP allocation has been held at the level of 14 percent of the Regular Programme Budget in recent biennia, and requested the TCP budget level be reviewed in line with Conference Resolution 9/89;
- g) stressed the importance of FAO's normative, standard-setting and technical work, and the need for adequate resource allocation from the Regular Budget, welcomed the increased allocations to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the CODEX of USD 0.5 million each, and requested that bodies covered by Articles VI and XIV, as well as relevant subcommittees and intergovernmental arrangements, receive necessary funding;
- h) stressed the centrality of FAO's work on data and statistics to inform decision-making, and reiterated the need for sufficient funding allocation;

¹ C 2025/3; C 2025/3 Information Note 1; CL 177/PV/2; CL 177/PV/3; CL 177/PV/10

- i) highlighted the importance of mainstreaming the right to adequate food, nutrition, as well as supporting the work of the CFS, as referred to in subparagraphs 6(h) and (i) of the Programme Committee Report and subparagraph 7(k) of the Joint Meeting Report;
- j) took note of areas for transformational impact summarized in Annex 12, and invited Members to consider such areas for voluntary contributions, recalling the importance of providing non-earmarked voluntary contributions, and requested FAO to develop modalities to use non-earmarked resources more strategically, and in line with programmatic priorities;
- k) looked forward to continuing discussions on the programmatic implications of the distribution of assessed and voluntary contributions for the effective implementation of FAO's programmes, as well as different types of voluntary contributions;
- l) looked forward to receiving analysis of the implications of funding uncertainties, if any, for the delivery of the Medium Term Plan 2026-29, as well as risk-mitigation measures;
- m) looked forward to discussing the Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2026-27, following guidance from Conference and Governing Bodies; and
- n) requested the Independent Chairperson of the Council to convene informal consultations with Members in the run-up to the 44th Session of the Conference to seek consensus on the budget level.