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Status of outstanding recommendations of the Programme Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This document presents the status of outstanding recommendations made by the Programme Committee at its previous session.

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

- The Committee is invited to take note of the information presented in this document.

Draft Advice

- **The Committee took note of the status of outstanding recommendations from the Programme Committee.**

Recommendation	Status
Report of the 140th Session of the Programme Committee – CL 177/9	
PLANNING AND PROGRAMME MATTERS	
The Committee (on the <i>Reviewed Strategic Framework 2022-31</i>): • <u>stressed</u> the importance of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) for delivering FAO's mandate on the ground, and <u>requested</u> Management to further elaborate on the role of the TCP under the Reviewed Strategic Framework; – paragraph 5	FAO confirms the TCP will continue to play an important role in delivering timely, focused and catalytic assistance to Members under the Renewed Strategic Framework. The planning and reporting documents of FAO will continue to report on the TCP, including the Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 (Document CL 179/3), which will be submitted to the 141st Session of the Programme Committee and its Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee in November 2025.
The Committee (on the <i>Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27</i>): • <u>highlighted</u> the importance of discussing the programmatic implications of the distribution of assessed and voluntary contributions for the effective implementation of FAO programmes, as well as different types of voluntary contributions, and <u>encouraged</u> FAO Members, as at the 43rd Session of the Conference, to pursue discussions to this aim, and <u>requested</u> to discuss this at the next Session of the Joint Meeting; • <u>stressed</u> the importance of FAO's normative and standard-setting work, and the need for adequate resource allocation from the Regular Budget, and <u>welcomed</u> the increased allocations to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the Codex Alimentarius Commission of USD 0.5 million each as a good start, and <u>requested</u> that other important conventions, treaty bodies and intergovernmental arrangements receive necessary funding; • <u>requested</u> informal consultations on the detailed content of the Programme of Work and Budget in a timely manner to enable Members of the PC to undertake the necessary analysis; • noted the updates to formulations of the Programme Priority Areas (PPAs) under the <i>four betters</i>, as well as on Chapter 5, as presented in Annex 1, and <u>requested</u> that, in the	Document CL 179/3 Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 and its Annex 1 - <i>Updated results framework 2026-29</i> will present relevant information. In addition, a document on <i>Funding situation – Risks, Management Responses and Mitigation Measures</i>, will present relevant information to the 206th Session of the Finance Committee in November 2025.

Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 Annex 1 - Updated results framework 2026-29:

- i. on One Health (BP3):
 - (1) revert to the formulation on the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31, in line with the working definition of the One Health High Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP), and indicate that the concept refers to human, animal, plant and the environment, in line with FAO's mandate;
 - (2) align language to the One Health Joint Plan of Action 2022-2026 and adopt a risk-management approach, and continue strengthening linkages and capacity in this regard;
 - (3) reflect the approach of the FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management;
 - (4) ensure ongoing alignment with the One Health Joint Plan of Action 2022-2026; and
 - (5) ensure a balanced approach, in line with FAO's mandate and in accordance with the working definition of OHHLEP.
- ii. mainstream the references to *the progressive realization of the right to adequate food* as appropriate;
- iii. reflect the needs of farmers across all scales for innovation, credit and financial services, as well as their participation across the supply chain;
- iv. maintain alignment across applicable multilateral environment agreements;
- v. reaffirmed the role of open and rules-based trade to achieve the FAO Strategic Framework and recommended Management to better integrate work on agriculture trade analysis and evidence across the relevant PPAs, with the necessary resources allocation;
- vi. noted the areas of emphasis and de-emphasis and requested Management to provide further details in the PPAs currently only listing general principles;
- vii. noted that deployment of bioeconomy innovations should be broad;
- viii. noted the importance of promoting healthy diets;
- ix. noted that the establishment of food and nutrition governance and coordination mechanisms should be in accordance with national priorities and capacities; and

x. recognized FAO's continued efforts to integrate outcomes of relevant forums and remain responsive to ongoing discussions. • <u>reiterated</u> the importance of CFS and all its voluntary policy products to realize the FAO Strategic Framework, <u>requested</u> Management to incorporate them in its work as relevant, and <u>requested</u> to include the <i>CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises</i> under BL3 - <i>Agriculture and Food Emergencies</i>; • <u>requested</u> Management to include explanations to justify the level of ambition proposed through the output indicators and milestones including the evidence underpinning their selection; • <u>requested</u> FAO to strengthen its results narrative in support of securing commitments to its efforts; • <u>highlighted</u> agroecology and other innovative approaches as an important approach to achieving sustainable, inclusive and resilient food systems, and <u>recommended</u> FAO to strengthen the integration of agroecology and other innovative approaches in the Medium Term Plan 2026-29 and Programme of Work and Budget 2026-27 (MTP/PWB) with appropriate resource allocation – paragraph 6	
EVALUATION MATTERS	
The Committee (on the <i>Assessment of recommendations for the Office of Evaluation from external audits, evaluations, and reviews (including recommendations regarding the FAO Evaluation Policy)</i>): • <u>requested</u> that OED provide regular updates, in the Autumn PC Session of each year until all recommendations are closed, and <u>welcomed</u> the organization of an informal meeting in June 2025. – paragraph 8	An informal meeting was held on 16 June 2025. Updates on the open recommendations will be provided in Document PC 141/2-Rolling work plan of evaluations at the 141st Session of PC, and at every Autumn session of PC, until all recommendations are closed.
SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS	
The Committee (on the <i>Roadmap for the update of the Private Sector Engagement Strategy</i>): • <u>encouraged</u> FAO to be transparent about the role of the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) and private sector actors/partners holding formal status with FAO in providing valuable inputs and <u>encouraged</u> FAO to explore more ways to augment the visibility of PSAG and <u>looked forward</u> to the publication of a report on activities and contributions of PSAG by May 2025;	FAO welcomes the encouragement to strengthen transparency regarding the role of the Private Sector Advisory Group (PSAG) and the contributions of private sector partners holding formal status with the Organization.

• <u>looked forward</u> to an informal consultation before summer as part of the first draft phase and to reviewing the updated Strategy in the next Session of the Programme Committee in November 2025 leading up to the final document including discussions of the Committee for decision by the FAO Council in December 2025. – paragraph 11	The PSAG provides essential guidance and feedback to advance FAO’s engagement with the private sector. In 2024, the PSAG was convened four times to contribute to the discussions on Zero Hunger, climate actions, financing mechanisms in agrifood systems, the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy and on the FAO Strategy for Private Sector Engagement 2026–2030. Over 60 informal consultations were held, in line with the timeline as described in the Report of the 140th Session of the Programme Committee (Document CL 177/9, paragraph 11). Between January and September 2025, FAO conducted an extensive consultation process to inform the development of the FAO Strategy for Private Sector Engagement 2026–2030. Consultations took place with FAO Members, Decentralized Offices, technical divisions, PSAG members, private sector mechanism (PSM), United Nations agencies and the United Nations Global Compact. This inclusive and systematic approach through meetings, workshops, interviews and surveys reinforces FAO’s commitment to transparency, collaboration and evidence-based strategy development. FAO welcomes the valuable feedback received from FAO Members and looks forward to its deliberation at the 141st Session of the Programme Committee, as well as to the approval by the FAO Council in December 2025.
The Committee (on the <i>Update on data for statistics and statistics functions</i>): • <u>requested</u> FAO to organize technical meetings with technical counterparts of Members to identify areas in which potential adaptation of FAO statistical methodologies to different	Regarding the first point, FAO has reached out to the Brazilian delegation to co-organize this technical meeting. Some initial discussions have taken place, but more is needed to frame and organize the meeting.

biomes or areas of research need further discussions where methods are currently not available; • <u>looked forward</u> to regular updates on this topic at the sessions of the Committee. – paragraph 13	FAO's plan is to hold the meeting before the end of 2025. Regarding the regular updates on data for statistics and statistics functions, please note that the Programme Committee will receive an update on risks and challenges for data for statistics for food security and nutrition at the 141st Session of the Programme Committee under Agenda Item 12.
OTHER MATTERS	
The Committee (on <i>Any Other Matters</i>): • <u>re-emphasized</u> the formal request from PC Members to the Director of the Office of Evaluation for the compilation of recommendations and their status on structural reforms in both internal and external evaluations and assessments, and <u>recommended</u> that the request be responded before the 177th Session of the Council; and • <u>recommended</u> that induction sessions be institutionalized for newly elected Members of the Committee. – paragraph 18	The Office of Evaluation (OED) provided a compilation of recommendations to the Chairperson of the Programme Committee on 14 March 2025. In addition, in response to Resolution 3/2025 <i>Process for assessment of potential future reform</i> of the 44th Session of the FAO Conference (Document C 2025/REP, Appendix E), OED launched a diagnostic exercise in July 2025 to identify and categorize areas for organizational improvement. The diagnostic exercise will be presented at the 179th Session of the FAO Council in December 2025. An induction session was held on 8 July 2025 for newly elected Members of the Committee.