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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 recommendations of the 139th Session of the Programme Committee.**

Recommendation	Status
Report of the 139th Session of the Programme Committee – CL 176/9	
EVALUATION MATTERS	
The Committee (on the <i>Independent Evaluation of FAO's Evaluation Function (final report) and Management Response</i>): • <u>requested</u> OED, in collaboration with FAO Management, develop a roadmap for addressing the findings of the IEoEF and other assessments of the evaluation function, including the different dimensions of independence, considering different options/mechanisms for achieving this objective and reflect the trade-offs between approaches (including cost implications), and present it at the PC Spring Session in 2025. – paragraph 6	The Office of Evaluation (OED) provides a status update on this outstanding recommendation in Document PC 140/3.
The Committee (on the <i>Rolling work plan of evaluations (update)</i>): • <u>underscored</u> that the work plan is a living document, welcomed the introduction of flexibility into the work plan to respond to emerging priorities, noted that the work plan is presented to the Committee annually at its autumn sessions, and <u>looked forward</u> to future updates for PC's review; • <u>endorsed</u> the updated work plan of evaluations for 2025-2028 contained in the document PC 139/3, and recommended the 176th Session of the Council to approve the work plan of evaluations 2025-2028, and <u>requested</u> that the Committee be kept informed on its implementation; • <u>recognized</u> that the work plan of evaluations is an evergreen document, and <u>looked forward</u> to further informal engagement with OED on the selection and prioritization of upcoming evaluations, to contribute to meeting the information needs of the Committee. – paragraph 7	The Work Plan of evaluations is updated annually and reviewed by the Programme Committee during its Autumn sessions. Informal meetings are organized to facilitate a smooth and informative review process.
The Committee (on the <i>Update on FAO Evaluation Policy</i>): • noted the extensive discussions on evaluation considerations under the Item of the <i>Independent Evaluation of FAO's Evaluation Function (final report) and Management Response</i>, and <u>recommended</u> these be considered in the update on the Evaluation Policy; • <u>recommended</u> OED present a proposal outlining a strategic and efficient way forward to address outstanding recommendations;	OED provides a status update on this outstanding recommendation in Document PC 140/3.

• <u>looked forward</u> to receiving a comprehensive update on the approach to the FAO Evaluation Policy, including any implications for changing the <i>Charter for the FAO Office of Evaluation</i>, at its next Session in 2025. – paragraph 11	
The Committee (on the <i>Update on the evaluation of FAO's implementation of Conference Resolution 7/2019</i>): • <u>looked forward</u> to receiving the Evaluation up to the PC Spring Session in 2025. – paragraph 12	The Evaluation will be presented to the 140th Session of the Programme Committee.
SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS	
The Committee (on the <i>FAO Strategy for Private Sector Engagement 2021-2025 – Implementation and Update</i>): • <u>requested</u> to consider a way to augment the visibility of the discussion of PSAG within the constraints of Chatham House Rules; • <u>recognized</u> the Strategy was adopted in 2020, and <u>recommended</u> the updated Strategy to be aligned with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 and the <i>four betters</i>; • <u>looked forward</u> to reviewing the updated Strategy at the PC Autumn Session in 2025. – paragraph 13	The roadmap of updating the Strategy will be presented to the 140th Session of the Programme Committee and the updated Strategy will be presented to the 141st Session of the Programme Committee.
The Committee (on the <i>Update of the Vision and Strategy for FAO's Work in Nutrition</i>): • <u>welcomed</u> the effort to identify key results for FAO's work in nutrition, moving beyond activity level indicators, aligned with a clear theory of change, and <u>looked forward</u> to reporting these results in a future Programme Implementation Report; • <u>welcomed</u> the proposed iterative consultative process with Members, FAO Management and units, as well as other relevant stakeholders, and <u>looked forward</u> to its future update at the PC Autumn Session in 2025; • <u>recommended</u> that in the preparation of Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2026-27, Management allocate sufficient resources for the implementation of VAN for consideration by Members. – paragraph 14	An update on the consultative process undertaken in 2025 to update the Vision and Approach for FAO's Work in Nutrition (2025-2030) will be presented to the 141st Session of the Programme Committee.

The Committee (on the <i>Blue Transformation in Action: Guidelines on Sustainable Aquaculture (GSA)</i>): • <u>looked forward</u> to receiving regular updates on this work in its future sessions. – paragraph 16	Regular updates will be provided.
The Committee (on the <i>Update on FAO Roadmap: Achieving SDG 2 without breaching the 1.5 °C threshold</i>): • took note of the forthcoming release of further elements of the Roadmap in 2025, and <u>looked forward</u> to further discussion on the Roadmap as a regular topic in PC. – paragraph 18	It will be presented to the 140 th Session of the Programme Committee.
The Committee (on <i>Agricultural Data and Statistics: Update on Data Coordination Group and oversight, relevance, coherence, and quality of FAO's statistics</i>): • <u>encouraged</u> FAO to provide robust reflections on data for statistics and statistics functions in the context of forthcoming planning and budget documents, and <u>looked forward</u> to receiving regular updates as a standard agenda item on this important work including updates on Data Coordination Group and streamlining of statistical functions process; and • <u>encouraged</u> FAO to continue to prioritize data and data protection functions and <u>looked forward</u> to remaining informed on this matter. – paragraph 19	It will be presented to the 140 th Session of the Programme Committee.
The Committee (on the <i>Presentation on food systems approach across FAO as per the relevant PPAs</i>): • <u>invited</u> FAO to provide regular updates to PC on this topic. – paragraph 20	It will be presented to the 140 th Session of the Programme Committee.
The Committee (on the <i>Update on FAO work on the 2024-25 Biennial Theme Water Resource Management for the four betters</i>): • <u>looked forward</u> to a final report on the implementation of the biennial theme including results and lessons learned at a future session in 2025. – paragraph 21	It will be presented to the 141 st Session of the Programme Committee.
OTHER MATTERS	
The Committee (on <i>Any Other Matters</i>):	

• <u>requested</u> the PC Secretariat to develop a monitoring tool of the PC recommendations. – paragraph 23	It will be presented to the 140th Session of the Programme Committee.
The Committee (on <i>Any Other Matters</i>): • <u>requested</u> Management to prepare and present an overview of the information on the Transparency Portal with particular emphasis on disaggregation of sources of voluntary contributions for consideration by the Joint Meeting at its next session. – paragraph 23	It will be presented to Joint Meeting of the 140th Session of the Programme Committee and the 203rd Session of the Finance Committee.