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Implementation of Decisions Taken at the Hundred and Thirty-seventh and Hundred and Thirty-eighth Sessions of the Council

1. The Approved Methods of Work of the Council require that an information document be prepared for each Council session reporting on the implementation of the decisions taken at the preceding session (see CL 60/REP, Appendix G, paragraph 7.8).
2. Listed hereunder are the decisions taken by the Hundred and Thirty-seventh and Hundred and Thirty-eighth Sessions of the Council and details of their implementation.
3. The text in the decision column includes a reference in brackets to the relevant paragraph in the Council Reports.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH
SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
(Rome, 28 September - 2 October 2009)****PROGRAMME, BUDGETARY,
FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MATTERS****Strategic Framework 2010-19, Medium Term
Plan 2010-13 and Programme of Work and
Budget 2010-11**

In future, improve prioritization, the formulation of performance indicators, baselines and targets, and the implementation of results monitoring and reporting through review by the Technical Committees and Regional Conferences, as well as the Programme and Finance Committees (para. 20)

Have the Programme and Finance Committees closely follow Secretariat efforts in managing the risk to programme delivery by the extent of dependence on Voluntary Contributions (para. 21)

Have any decision regarding the closure of the Shared Services Centre in Bangkok and Santiago preceded by in-depth study and analysis, taking into account both efficiency and effectiveness concerns, engaging in a transparent and consultative review and decision-making process, including consultations with the Regional Conferences as well as the Finance Committee (para. 23)

Work planning for 2010-11 was completed in the first quarter of 2010 to form the basis for the monitoring and reporting system, which was considered by the Programme and Finance Committees at their Joint Meeting in April 2010. The Programme Committee considered the process of prioritization and provided guidance to the Technical Committees and Regional Conferences on the scope of inputs expected in 2010. Improved formulation of Organizational Results baselines and targets will take place during formulation of the next MTP/PWB starting in late 2010.

The Programme and Finance Committees at their Joint Meeting in April 2010 considered progress on the resource mobilization and management strategy and provided guidance on future reporting on Voluntary Contributions.

A paper regarding this matter was prepared and presented to the Regional Conferences for Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and Europe, and will be presented to the Regional Conferences for Asia and the Pacific and the Near East later in the year, as well as the Finance Committee.

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****Report of the Joint Meeting of the 102nd Session of the Programme Committee and the 128th Session of the Finance Committee (29 July 2009)**

Continually improve collaboration and coordination between the Rome-based Agencies at both Headquarters and in the field, particularly at Country Office level (para. 27)

Establish a joint procurement unit on a pilot basis from January 2010 to promote collaboration on administrative and processing work (para. 27)

On 4 November 2009 the Senior Management of FAO, IFAD and WFP met ahead of the World Summit on Food Security to determine how to maximize and combine each agency's expertise and comparative advantage in more effectively and efficiently assisting Member Nations. The Heads of the three agencies subsequently met on 12 February and 15 April resulted at follow-up to the joint FAO/WFP/IFAD strategy paper "Directions for Collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies":

The three agencies have agreed to pilot the following action plans:

- a) Joint advocacy and communication strategy.
- b) Collaboration on early warning.
- c) Transition from relief to development.
- d) Administrative collaboration.

IFAD and FAO have also agreed to expand their collaboration through the FAO Investment Centre to improve food security in eight priority countries (Afghanistan, Bhutan, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Mali, the Sudan, Tanzania, and Zambia).

Collaboration with IFAD and WFP is also being pursued in the context of (i) the implementation of the reform of the Committee on World Food Security and the humanitarian Cluster approach, (ii) the One UN / Delivering as One initiative.

A Common Procurement Team for Headquarters procurement, hosted by FAO, was established in January 2010 on a one-year pilot.

DECISION

Ensure the smooth management of the TCP appropriation and the maximum utilization of TCP resources, as well as the decentralization of TCP management from 1 January 2010 as a step towards more strategic use of TCP resources (para. 28)

Report of the 102nd Session of the Programme Committee (27-31 July 2009)

Accord increased visibility to programmes for Junior Professionals and give equal consideration to candidates from developing countries (para. 30)

Finalize the Charter for the Office of Evaluation (para. 31)

IMPLEMENTATION

The appropriation for 2006-07 has been fully expended, and the appropriation for 2008-09 has been fully committed for projects approved by the end of 2009. Decentralization of TCP management came into force on 1 January 2010 as planned, following the implementation of a comprehensive training programme involving all Decentralized Offices. The Secretariat continues to support the Decentralized Offices in assuming their new responsibilities during the transition period.

A draft policy for the Junior Professionals Programme has been finalized, has been through the consultative process with key stakeholders and the Staff Representative Bodies, and is currently with the Director-General for final consideration and approval. Once approved, CSH will proceed with an outreach programme to developing countries for the recruitment and placement of the first cohort.

The draft Charter was finalized with participation of the new Director of Evaluation, and considered by the Programme Committee at its Session in April 2010 (see document CL 139/4).

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION****Reports of the 128th (27-31 July 2009) and 129th (18-19 September 2009) Sessions of the Finance Committee****Measures to Encourage Timely Payment of Contributions**

Have the Finance Committee continue to explore means to encourage timely and full payment of contributions (para. 37)

While noting the improved payment patterns for 2009, and thus far in 2010, the Finance Committee at its 132nd Session (April 2010) urged all Member Nations to make timely payment of Assessed Contributions to ensure FAO could meet the cash requirements for the Programme of Work. In this regard, the Committee agreed to review at its next regular session the impact of existing incentive schemes to encourage timely payment of Assessed Contributions, as well as to explore possible alternative measures.

Immediate Plan of Action Implementation Progress Report

Have future IPA reports include an analysis on impacts of reform actions (para. 44)

The first IPA Progress Report for 2010 was presented to the CoC-IEE on 8 April 2010 (Progress Report, Annexes I, II and III – see links provided below):

http://www.fao.org/uploads/media/First%20CoC-IEE%20IPA%20Progress%20Report_E.pdf

http://www.fao.org/uploads/media/First%20CoC-IEE%20IPA%20Progress%20Report%20-%20annex%20I_E.pdf

http://www.fao.org/uploads/media/First%20CoC-IEE%20IPA%20Progress%20Report%20-%20annex%20II_E.pdf

<http://www.fao.org/uploads/media/First%20CoC-IEE%20IPA%20Progress%20Report%20-%20annex%20III.pdf>

DECISION**IMPLEMENTATION**

Annex II contains full details of substantial IPA progress for 2010-11, including the impact of reform action milestones and associated risks. The emphasis on reporting substantive progress and impact will be maintained throughout the biennium.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS**Report of the 88th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (23-25 September 2009)**

Amendments to the Basic Texts required for the implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal

Discharge tasks of an editorial nature required for the organization of the Basic Texts, including the renumbering of paragraphs and sub-paragraphs, as appropriate, and the insertion of footnotes containing references to Conference resolutions whenever necessary (para. 50)

Action has been taken.

Have the Secretariat take action in respect of action within its authority regarding the ongoing review of the Statutory Bodies, and consult the relevant Governing Bodies regarding matters which would need to be considered by the Membership (para. 53)

As regards matters under the authority of the Secretariat, the matter is under review. The Governing Bodies will be consulted in the near future about the preliminary review.

Have the Membership of relevant Statutory Bodies, especially those under Article XIV or Article VI enjoying substantial functional autonomy, invited to consider the preliminary review and offer their views on the issues addressed therein (para. 53)

All Assistant Directors-General have been asked to refer the preliminary review to the relevant Statutory Bodies. This review is still ongoing.

HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL (Rome, 25 November 2009)**Matters Arising Out of the Conference Session**

Send a circular communication to all Member Nations of the Southwest Pacific region inviting them to submit nominations for its seat on the CCLM with a view to the region agreeing on a nomination in early 2010 (para. 12)

A circular letter was despatched on 8 January 2010.