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PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Hundred and Fourteenth Session

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Multi-year Programme of Work of the Programme Committee (MYPOW)

Multi-year Programme of Work July 2014 – June 2015

I. Overall objective for the Programme Committee

The Programme Committee will provide a solid analytical basis for sound, timely, cohesive, effective and efficient decision-making in the FAO Council. The foundations for the Committee's recommendations are the Strategic Framework,¹ and the approved the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of the Organization.

II. Results

A. Programme planning and priority setting

A.1) Result: Programme Committee recommendations on priorities are considered useful and adopted by the Council

A.2) Indicators and targets:

- The Committee's recommendations on priorities are adopted by the Council
- The Committee's recommendations on the Strategic Framework, the Medium Term Plan and the Programme of Work and Budget are adopted by the Council
- The Committee's working methods are improved on the basis of lessons learned from Council decisions on its recommendations

A.3) Outputs: Clear, precise and consensual recommendations to Council

A.4) Activities:

- Review of proposed priorities, taking into account the Reports of Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, as well as lessons learned, availability of resources, and recommendations of evaluations
- Review of the Strategic Framework (once every four years)
- Review of the proposed Medium Term Plan for consistency with the Strategic Framework and incorporating lessons learned in the previous biennium

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- d) Review of proposed biennial Programme of Work and Budget, including proposals and resource allocation amongst strategic objectives, cross-cutting themes and areas of corporate technical work

Working methods:

- a) Informal consultations with Deputy Directors-General, Assistant Directors-General (ADGs), Strategic Objective Coordinators and other key members of the Secretariat
- b) Close collaboration with the Independent Chairperson of the Council
- c) Close collaboration with the Finance Committee on matters of synergy and overlap
- d) Standard approach for receiving and reviewing advice from Technical Committees and Regional Conferences

B. Results-based monitoring of programme implementation

B.1) Result: Council advice and decisions on implementation of the programme of work reflect the recommendations of the Programme Committee

B.2) Indicators and targets:

- a) The Committee's recommendations on programmatic adjustments of the PWB are endorsed by the Council
- b) The Committee's recommendations on allocation and management of extra-budgetary resources are endorsed by the Council
- c) The Committee's working methods are improved on the basis of lessons learned from Council decisions on its recommendations

B.3) Outputs: Clear, precise and consensual recommendations to Council

B.4) Activities:

- Annual review of PWB implementation and proposals for adjustments, including:
 - a) rationale for programmatic adjustments within the PWB
 - b) review of allocation and management of the integrated budgetary resources arising from all funding sources
 - c) review of the allocation and use of extrabudgetary resources in alignment with the reviewed Strategic Framework and Country Programming Frameworks, integration of activities, and consistent with relevant international initiatives such as the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, Accra Agenda of Action, Busan declaration, and the Rio +20 and UN post 2015 agenda
- Review of the biennial Programme Implementation Report (PIR) and lessons learned for preparation of subsequent PWBs

B.5) Working methods:

- a) Close collaboration with the Finance Committee on matters of synergy and overlap

C. Evaluation

C.1) Results:

- a) Evaluation plans and schedules focus on strategic issues of importance for the achievement of the Organization's Strategic Objectives
- b) Evaluation recommendations are incorporated in the implementation of the strategic framework, and in new policies and strategies
- c) Evaluation function reflects UNEG best practices and norms and standards

C.2) Indicators and targets:

- a) All agreed recommendations are implemented by Management and reported back to the Programme Committee
- b) Evaluation recommendations are practicable, duly resourced, and consistent with other evaluation and oversight recommendations

- c) Evaluations follow the UNEG norms and standards

C.3) Outputs: Clear, precise and consensual recommendations by the Programme Committee

C.4) Activities:

- a) Keep under review the Charter for the FAO Office of Evaluation
- b) Review and endorse the rolling work plan of strategic and programme evaluations, focusing on:
 - o strategic issues
 - o good balance among topics and types of evaluation
 - o taking into account the geographic balance between regions
 - o focused joint evaluations with other organizations
 - o emphasis on feedback from evaluation to programming and implementation
 - o assess the adequacy of evaluation resources
- c) Oversight of follow-up of evaluation recommendations
- d) Review of individual evaluations
- e) Biennial peer review of evaluation practices (2016 and 2018) and independent evaluation of the evaluation function at least once in six years (2016)

C.5) Methods of work:

- a) Close contact with the Office of Evaluation, Management and concerned units

D. Improved methods of work and efficiency of the Programme Committee

D.1) Results: The Programme Committee works in a proactive and inclusive way, and has a forceful advisory role for Council, as well as providing a platform to better understand the concerns of Members and incorporate this in the work of the Organization

D.2) Indicators and targets:

- a) Agenda of the meetings focus on selected strategic issues
- b) Recommendations of the Programme Committee achieve regional consensus
- c) Programme Committee documents are made available in languages of the Organization at least two weeks prior to the start of each session of the Committee
- d) Efficient use of available resources, and optimal use of innovative instruments, in particular Internet-based and audio visual technologies
- e) Succinct, relevant and informed reports to the Council

D.3) Outputs: Clear, precise and consensual recommendations to Council

D.4) Activities:

- a) Prepare the Multi-year Programme of Work for the Programme Committee
- b) Report on the Multi-year Programme of Work at the end of the biennium

D.5) Methods of work:

- a) Informal consultations on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Committee
- b) Consultations on major strategic issues with Strategy Teams
- c) Clear mandates for Programme Committee Members from their Regional Groups
- d) Close collaboration with the Independent Chairperson of the Council
- e) Close collaboration with all governing bodies
- f) Early engagement in the preparation of MTP and PWB, as well as any reviews of the Strategic Framework
- g) Timeliness of availability of documents in languages of the Organization
- h) Engagement with senior FAO staff responsible for issues covered by the Programme Committee
- i) Open meetings allowing silent observers from both staff and Members