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Executive Summary

The Programme Committee examined a number of matters relating to programme planning and evaluation, in particular with regards to:

- a) Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 (paragraphs 5-6)
- b) Evaluation of FAO's strategic results framework (paragraph 7)
- c) Evaluation of FAO's private sector partnership strategy (paragraph 8-11)
- d) FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors (paragraph 12)
- e) The Ten Elements of Agroecology (paragraph 13)
- f) Progress report on the main features of the draft updated Gender Strategy (paragraph 14)
- g) Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's contribution to inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems (SO4) (paragraphs 15-16)
- h) Indicative Rolling Work Plan of evaluations – Update (paragraphs 17-18 and *Annex 1*)
- i) Tentative Agenda for the 128th session of the Programme Committee (paragraphs 19-20)
- j) Progress on updating the Strategy on Nutrition (paragraphs 21-22)
- k) SDG indicator 2.4.1 Proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture (paragraph 23-26)
- l) Progress review on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), including review of Voluntary Code of Conduct (paragraph 27)
- m) Progress report on the implementation of Programme Committee recommendations (paragraph 28)
- n) Any other business (paragraphs 30-32);

The Committee brings its findings and recommendations on these matters to the attention of the Council.

Suggested action by the Council

The Council is requested to endorse the findings of the Programme Committee, as well as its recommendations on matters within its mandate.

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REPORT OF THE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Rome, 4-8 November 2019

Introduction

1. The Committee submitted to the Council the following report of its Hundred and Twenty-seventh session.
2. In addition to the Chairperson, His Excellency Johannes Petrus Hoogeveen (Netherlands), the following representatives of Members were present:

Mr Guillermo Valentín Rodolico (Argentina) ¹	H.E. Fayez Khouri (Jordan)
Ms Jennifer Fellows (Canada)	Mr Muhammad Rudy Khairudin Mohd Nor (Malaysia)
Ms Tamara Villanueva (Chile)	Ms Traoré Halimatou Kone (Mali)
Mr NI Hongxing (China)	Mr Donald G. Syme (New Zealand)
H.E. Delphine Borione (France)	H.E. Marie-Therese Sarch (United Kingdom)
H.E. Mohammad Hossein Emadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Mr Kayoya Masuhwa (Zambia)

Item 1: Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Timetable²

3. The Committee adopted the Provisional Agenda with the addition of the following discussion under Any Other Business: Hand-in-Hand Initiative; UNSG Summit on Food Systems; briefing on the International Symposium on Fisheries Sustainability.

Item 2: Election of the Vice-Chairperson for the term July 2019 to June 2021

4. The Committee decided unanimously to elect H.E. Mohammad Hossein Emadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chairperson of the Programme Committee for the term of the Committee July 2019 – June 2021.

Item 3: Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21³

5. The Committee:
 - a) welcomed the document reflecting the guidance and decisions of the Conference and the initial adjustments proposed by the Director-General;
 - b) expressed satisfaction that the proposed adjustments would be managed within the overall approved budget level of USD 1,005.6 million through cost savings and efficiencies without negatively impacting the delivery of the agreed programme of work;
 - c) welcomed the additional resources allocated to FAO's work on the IPPC and on the Joint FAO/WHO food safety scientific advice programme, and to mainstreaming biodiversity, stressed the importance of delivering additional results with these resources and welcomed management commitment to address the scientific advice programmes' backlog;

¹ Mr Guillermo Valentín Rodolico has been designated to replace Her Excellency María Cristina Boldorini as representative of Argentina for the 127th session of the Programme Committee

² PC 127/1; PC 127/INF/1

³ CL 163/3

- d) appreciated the information provided on gender, stressing the need to see additional progress towards achieving gender equality, and appreciated the establishment of the Women's Committee, stressing that this Committee has no programmatic responsibilities in order to avoid duplication of work;
 - e) endorsed the output indicators and targets for 2020-21 as presented in *Web Annex 4*, and emphasized the need to strengthen the visibility of FAO's work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and welcomed the agreement to include an indicator from the Tripartite Global Action Plan results framework in FAO's strategic results framework;
 - f) recalled the role of the results framework as a tool for accountability, communication and lessons learned;
 - g) looked forward to reviewing progress during 2020-21 in the mid-term and end-of-biennium assessments;
 - h) noted the updated organizational structure (Annex 1) and the revised budgeted post establishment (Web Annex 5), and looked forward to additional information;
 - i) looked forward to examining the Technical Cooperation Programme Report 2019, and stressed the importance of the evaluation of the TCP;
 - j) reiterated the request of the 161st Council para. 11.j) to provide detailed information on the use of voluntary contributions over the past three biennia, deconstructed by programmatic and geographic dimensions, in the implementation of the programme of work;
 - k) emphasized the need for strengthening science-based, evidence-based approaches and policies;
 - l) highlighted the need for innovation, including innovative sustainable approaches and new technologies, and appreciated in principle the establishment of an Office for Innovation and the position of a Chief Scientist, and noted that more detailed information is needed about the concept behind the Office, including the terms of its mandate, the role and mechanism of the Office, and the terms of reference, noting the need for adequate staffing in order to have a successful implementation, and the cross-cutting nature of innovation;
 - m) requested clarification on the scope and coordinating role of the Biodiversity Cluster, its place within the Organization, its staffing, and the link with the Biodiversity Strategy;
 - n) recalled para. 70.k) of the Report of the 41st Conference, emphasising the need to take into account priorities for all countries, including middle-income countries and upper-middle income countries;
 - o) appreciated in principle the establishment of an Office for SIDS, LDCs and LLDCs, and requested further clarification about its role within the Organization, its geographical scope, the terms of its mandate, the role and mechanism of the Office and the terms of reference, and its relationship with the Hand-in-Hand Initiative;
 - p) supported the revised distribution of the net appropriation by budgetary chapter as reflected in Table 3 for approval by the Council;
 - q) took note of the updated estimates of extrabudgetary resources (Table 4) and encouraged Members to provide voluntary contributions to facilitate achievement of the Strategic Objectives and implementation of the integrated Programme of Work;
 - r) welcomed the support for FAO's activities to promote sustainable agriculture and food systems, and encouraged that FAO supports countries in transforming food systems as appropriate.
6. The Committee further requested that management organize a seminar for Members on FAO's statistics work, specifically focusing on the methodology used for the 21 SDG indicators for which FAO is the custodian.

Item 4: Evaluation of FAO's strategic results framework⁴

7. The Committee welcomed the evaluation, its recommendations and their prioritization, considering the information and analyses therein useful for the planned revision of the Strategic Framework and its related implementation arrangements, and welcomed the preliminary management response. The Committee:

- a) appreciated the efforts made by management in steering FAO into a more strategic Organization, as recognized by the evaluation, in the period under review;
- b) noted with concern some conclusions of the evaluation, especially that the strategic programmes have been less effective in transforming FAO's delivery in the field and the lack of clarity in the roles and responsibilities which hampered the new programmatic approach across FAO;
- c) concurred with the evaluation on the need for a strategy and action plan for FAO to engage with the Agenda 2030 and the repositioning of the UN development system and the need to strengthen the strategic synergies and partnerships, especially among the Rome-based Agencies and with the private sector;
- d) reaffirmed the importance of involving Members in the process of implementing the recommendations;
- e) stressed that the results of the evaluation raised the need to strengthen the work of the decentralized offices, in particular in supporting achievement of the SDGs;
- f) underlined the need for systematic lessons learning from past experiences, and concurred with the need to introduce a qualitative monitoring system to support programme enhancement;
- g) stressed the importance of improving linkages between headquarters, regional and country offices so as to better respond to countries' needs, and looked forward to the translation of FAO's strategies, policies and initiatives, into concrete actions at country level;
- h) highlighted recommendation 3 on developing delivery structures to adopt a bottom-up approach and to make FAO fit-for-purpose, while noting the challenge in its implementation and the need for gradual adjustments over time;
- i) acknowledged that unearmarked voluntary contributions can promote an effective programmatic approach at country level, and highlighted the importance of a reliable monitoring and evaluation system in this regard;
- j) highlighted the importance to further integrate country plans with overall corporate planning, as well as continue to pursue the matching of staff skills and job requirements when appointing staff, and to provide adequate training;
- k) encouraged staff mobility and rotation to strengthen the link between headquarters and country offices, also for career development, but without impacting the technical capacity of the Organization;
- l) noted that six out of eight recommendations required additional funding and requested further clarification on the amounts and on potential financing;
- m) recommended the following timeline for next steps:
 - i. a roadmap for consultation on the implementation of recommendation 1, for the FAO strategy for Agenda 2030 and UN development system repositioning; and recommendation 2, on the results framework, should be presented to the 163rd session of the Council for approval;
 - ii. outline of the new strategic results framework available for the 128th session of the Programme Committee in May 2020;

⁴ PC 127/2; PC 127/2 Sup.1

- iii. progress report by management on implementation of the recommendations of the evaluation at the 128th session of the Programme Committee;
- iv. the draft new Strategy (1) and results framework (2) for review by the Programme Committee at the Spring 2021 session.

Item 5: Evaluation of FAO's private sector partnership strategy⁵

8. The Committee welcomed the evaluation and complimented the Office of Evaluation for the quality of the report and its direct findings and recommendations. The Committee, in this respect, highlighted the need for further clarification on definitions, levels, scope, issues, needs and contexts of partnerships.
9. The Committee welcomed the management's acceptance of the evaluation recommendations.
10. The Committee agreed with the proposed recommendations to develop a vision for the FAO Strategy for Partnerships with the Private Sector.
11. The Committee:
 - a) underscored the central role of the private sector in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and urged FAO to strengthen the role of the private sector to support achieving the SDGs;
 - b) encouraged FAO to further integrate the partnerships with the private sector in its work, particularly in the programmes, as well as at the country level, including in its regional and national offices;
 - c) underscored the need to improve FAO responsiveness to the growing partnership opportunities and requested FAO streamlines internal procedures and risk management in alignment with the best practices within the UN system;
 - d) while acknowledging the importance of resource mobilization, stressed the importance of partnerships with the private sector to mobilize knowledge, technical tools, technologies and capacities that can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs;
 - e) highlighted that the private sector partnerships should be implemented to support priorities of the national governments, with their agreement, in line with FAO's new strategy as referred to in Item 4;
 - f) requested FAO to put in place a "one-stop shop" to receive and appropriately channel private sector partnerships which could facilitate engagement and reduce the associated bureaucracy and to establish an online Partners Portal that would serve as a transparent channel through which FAO can interact with partners;
 - g) underlined the balance to be sought between the due diligence process on the one hand and facilitating transparent partnerships and cooperation with the private sector on the other hand;
 - h) requested the development of a new vision for private sector partnerships, considering the wide range of private sector entities, and a subsequent update of the Strategy via an inclusive process with the Members;
 - i) highlighted the need to establish clear, transparent and consistent processes for access by non-State actors, including the private sector, to FAO's events and activities.

⁵ PC 127/3; PC 127/3 Sup.1

Item 6: FAO Strategy on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors⁶

12. The Committee reviewed the draft FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, as given in the Appendix of the document CL 163/11 and noted its purpose to guide FAO's work in mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors, and:
- a) commended the inclusive consultation process conducted following the request of the 41st session of the FAO Conference;
 - b) recommended its adoption by the 163rd session of the Council as mandated by the 41st session of the Conference;
 - c) recommended that the implementation of the Strategy and the Action Plan should include indicators and concrete deliverables accompanied with a timeline for delivery dates;
 - d) recommended that the Action Plan should include next steps, in particular capacity building in FAO decentralized offices in order to duly support Members with implementation, at their request;
 - e) emphasised the need that the Action Plan should be reviewed by the Technical Committees;
 - f) requested to have a first draft of the Action Plan, including Outcome indicators and targets, for information, available at the informal meeting of the Programme Committee in January 2020.

Item 7: The Ten Elements of Agroecology⁷

13. The Committee reviewed the revised document Ten Elements of Agroecology, and:
- a) commended the inclusive consultation process conducted following the request of the 41st session of the FAO Conference, co-led by the Chairpersons of the Programme Committee and of the Committee on Agriculture and with participation of nominated representatives for each Regional Group in an Open Ended Working Group, which facilitated reaching consensus on the text of the Ten Elements of Agroecology;
 - b) stressed that the Ten Elements is a non-prescriptive analytical and technical tool, aiming to help countries to operationalize agroecology;
 - c) reviewed the revised version of the Ten Elements of Agroecology and recommended its submission to the 163rd Council session in December 2019 for consideration and approval;
 - d) highlighted that the Ten Elements is a living document which may be updated by the Committee on Agriculture in the light of new evidence.

Item 8: Progress report on the main features of the draft updated Gender Strategy⁸

14. The Programme Committee welcomed the progress report, and:
- a) agreed with the suggested amendments and revisions, and requested a consultative process be put in place to finalize the updated Policy;
 - b) appreciated the emphasis on accountability;
 - c) recognized the importance of aligning the Policy to the most recent international frameworks on gender equality and women's empowerment (such as the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, Beijing+25, UN-SWAP 2.0);

⁶ CL 163/11

⁷ CL 163/13

⁸ PC 127/4

- d) appreciated that an Action Plan will be prepared in 2020 as recommended by the Evaluation on FAO's work on Gender;
- e) stressed the importance of refining the requirements for gender mainstreaming, as defined by the Policy's Minimum Standards;
- f) stressed the need to enhance managers' accountability for the implementation of the Gender Equality Policy through the inclusion of gender in their PEMs and those of their staff;
- g) recommended to improve FAO's performance on gender parity, in particular at management level, and in this regard appreciated the establishment of the Women's Committee as an instrument to advocate for gender equality and parity within the Organization, also reflect gender parity, which should also be taken into account for the membership of the Committee;
- h) welcomed involvement of other divisions, such as the Office of the Inspector-General, the Office of Chief Statistician and the Trade and Market Division, in sharing responsibilities for implementation and reporting for the implementation of the Minimum Standards;
- i) reiterated the importance of all key performance indicators (KPIs) on gender, especially achievement of the Minimum Standards.

Item 9: Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's contribution to inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems (SO4)⁹

15. The Programme Committee welcomed the follow-up report on the Evaluation of FAO's contribution to inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems, and agreed with its conclusions.

16. The Committee:

- a) welcomed the progress reported under the six recommendations of the Evaluation and noted that actions taken to implement these recommendations should ensure more coordinated support to countries seeking to transform their food systems, as appropriate;
- b) stressed the important entry point that food systems provide in accelerating achievement of the majority of the goals agreed to under the 2030 Agenda;
- c) recognized FAO's role in supporting countries in improving their food systems;
- d) encouraged FAO to develop a clear definition of the concept of food systems to facilitate the identification of FAO's role in supporting countries;
- e) encouraged consideration of the recommendations of the Evaluation of FAO's Strategic Results Framework in the development of the priority areas of work under SO4;
- f) noted the efforts of the Organization to build the capacity of its staff to apply sustainable approaches to food systems and value chain development through capacity development programmes and encouraged further efforts in this respect;
- g) acknowledged the initiatives to strengthen partnerships with other UN organizations and in fostering further engagement with the private sector notably through the One Planet Network.

⁹ PC 127/5

Item 10: Indicative Rolling Work Plan of evaluations – Update¹⁰

17. The Committee appreciated the proposed work plan, and noted that it comprised evaluations of programmes of major relevance for FAO management and the Members.
18. The Committee:
- a) welcomed the ambitious character of the work plan of evaluation;
 - b) noted the centrality of SDG2 to FAO mandate and welcomed the evaluation of FAO's contribution, as well as its role and positioning within the UN system in support of the countries in achieving SDG2;
 - c) underscored the importance and the political sensitivities of the evaluation of TCPs and urged the Office of Evaluation (OED) to conduct a thorough consultation with Members, including at regional conferences;
 - d) welcomed the joint evaluation of RBA collaboration and encouraged OED to identify opportunities and obstacles to collaboration in this regard;
 - e) encouraged OED to include a thematic evaluation of FAO's South-South Cooperation activities in its plan to be conducted at an appropriate timing;
 - f) welcomed the discussion with the IPPC secretariat on an evaluation of the work of the Convention, agreed that the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures needs to make a decision on conducting an evaluation as the governing body of the Convention and expressed a strong interest in receiving an evaluation as the Members attaches importance to FAO's support for IPPC;
 - g) requested Management to submit the follow-up report to the strategic results framework evaluation to the 129th session of the Committee;
 - h) reiterated the recommendation that management and Members arrange for the presentation of regional syntheses of country evaluations and/or other relevant evaluations at regional conferences and welcomed confirmation that these will be considered by the African and European Regional Conferences;
 - i) noted the increased volume of country and project evaluations, including on resilience portfolio, which may require a reconsideration of FAO's organizational arrangements for evaluations at regional and country levels;
 - j) looked forward to receiving a proposal for the governance and functioning of a decentralized evaluation system at a future session in 2020;
 - k) recommended the Council endorse the proposed work plan of evaluations 2020-2022 as included in *Annex 1* of this report.

¹⁰ PC 127/6

Item 11: Tentative Agenda for the 128th session of the Programme Committee¹¹

19. The Committee reviewed arrangements for its 128th session, and agreed the following Agenda items:

- a) *Outlines of the Strategic Framework and of the Medium Term Plan 2022-25, including:*
 - i. *Evaluation of FAO's support to zero hunger (SDG2)*
 - ii. *Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's contribution to elimination of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition (SO1) [cf. PC 124/3; PC 124/3 Sup.1]*
 - iii. *Outline of the new strategic results framework and progress report by management on implementation of the recommendations of the evaluation*
- b) *Progress report on the preparation for the UNSG Summit on Food Systems*
- c) *Progress report on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative*
- d) *Report on consultation on the Work Plan of the Tripartite MOU for antimicrobial resistance*
- e) *Evaluation of FAO's work in statistics and progress report on outcome of consultation of seminar on statistics*
- f) *Enhancing FAO's capacity to evaluate contributions at country level: options paper*
- g) *Tentative Agenda for the 129th session of the Programme Committee*
- h) *Progress report on the implementation of Programme Committee recommendations*

20. The Committee agreed to hold informal meetings prior to the formal sessions to consider, and agreed on the following agenda items for its informal meeting in January 2020:

- a) *oceans, fisheries and aquaculture*
- b) *sustainable management of forestry*
- c) *first draft of the Biodiversity Action Plan*
- d) *availability of FAO data to countries*

Item 12: Progress on updating the Strategy on Nutrition¹²

21. The Programme Committee appreciated the update on the Strategy and Vision for FAO's work in nutrition.

22. The Committee:

- a) supported the focus of the Strategy on addressing all forms of malnutrition taking note of the Organization's commitment to this goal;
- b) welcomed that the proposed outline focuses on food systems approaches to achieve healthy diets and addresses all forms of malnutrition, and requested the Strategy to set out the Organization's comparative advantages in this regard;
- c) stressed that key recommendations from the evaluation of the previous Strategy and Vision for FAO's work in Nutrition were not reflected in the annotated outline;

¹¹ PC 127/7

¹² PC 127/8

- d) appreciated the holistic approach taken in the proposed vision and recommended to take the accessibility of healthy food into account;
- e) emphasized the need to fully use opportunities given by innovations;
- f) stressed the need for close cooperation with the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), especially related to the development of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition;
- g) with regard to the introduction of a new concept of “sustainable healthy diet,” recalled the terminology within the UN, including ICN2, and stressed the need for harmonizing with agreed UN language;
- h) requested that a glossary will be developed with the updated Strategy, which should clearly define the concepts and terms that will be used in the Strategy;
- i) underlined the importance of considering the diverse contextual realities in the implementation of the Strategy across regions and countries and stressed the need for country ownership;
- j) underlined the need for strengthening capacity building at the national level;
- k) underlined the need to also focus on public trust and consumers’ concerns;
- l) stressed the importance of collaboration and partnerships with relevant actors at global, regional and country levels, and encouraged the development of common approaches and concepts;
- m) underlined the importance of developing the Strategy together with an implementation plan;
- n) recommended an inclusive consultation process with the Members as a crucial part of the further development process of the Strategy;
- o) looked forward to reviewing the Strategy and Vision in its entirety at the 129th session and its final version for the 130th session, for its presentation and approval by the Council in advance of the UNSG Summit on Food Systems if possible.

Item 13: SDG indicator 2.4.1 *Proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture*

- 23. The Committee welcomed information provided by management and the Chief Statistician.
- 24. The Committee reiterated the request that management organize a seminar for Members on FAO’s statistics work, specifically focusing on the methodology used for the 21 SDG indicators for which FAO is the custodian.
- 25. The Committee recommended that the seminar should be held in the first half of 2020.
- 26. The Committee:
 - a) emphasized the need for an inclusive process at the FAO for SDG indicators methodology involving both the statistical and sectoral expertise at global and national level;
 - b) noted the information provided about the established process for developing and refining SDG indicators, and emphasized the need for Permanent Representations to be better informed;
 - c) welcomed the information that the website on SDG indicators was available and provided updated information, including Tier classification, methodologies, data, related capacity development initiatives, e-learning courses, and others;

- d) requested management to provide more regular updates, including through the website, on statistics;
- e) noted the SDG indicators including indicator 2.4.1 were developed to report on country progress and should not go beyond their intended purpose.

Item 14: Progress review on antimicrobial resistance (AMR)¹³

27. The Programme Committee welcomed the progress report on the FAO Action Plan on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and:

- a) welcomed the progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan on AMR, especially the country progress as evidenced in the results of the Tripartite AMR country self-assessment questionnaire;
- b) highlighted the need for implementing the One Health Approach both at the global and country level;
- c) underlined the need to raise the visibility of FAO's AMR work at all levels;
- d) reiterated the need for an AMR indicator in the strategic results framework;
- e) highlighted the importance of capacity building and awareness raising at the country level, as well as supporting countries to develop and implement national action plans;
- f) stressed the importance of promoting behavioral change on antimicrobial use and to raise awareness on AMR among decision makers;
- g) requested more detailed information about the development of a data platform for antimicrobial resistance related to food and agriculture, including the expected timeframes and funding;
- h) underlined the need for a new FAO Action Plan on AMR (2021-2025) and invited COAG and COFI in their upcoming sessions to provide guidance on it;
- i) underlined the need to build on lessons learned from the implementation of the current Action Plan, especially related to good practices, national surveillance systems, guidelines and data collection;
- j) appreciated FAO's cooperation with WHO and OIE in the Tripartite and welcomed FAO's commitment to the Tripartite Joint Secretariat (TJS);
- k) recalled Conference Resolution 6/2019, and requested FAO to have an inclusive process with Members on the content and implementation of Work Plan of the Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding on AMR, including the Interagency Coordination Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (IACG) report;
- l) requested management to provide progress updates on a regular basis;
- m) requested the Office of Evaluation, if feasible, to expand the evaluation of the project funded by the Fleming Fund to include the programmatic aspects of FAO's work on AMR.

¹³ PC 127/9

Item 15: Progress report on the implementation of Programme Committee recommendations¹⁴

28. The Committee:
- a) welcomed the progress report on the implementation of Programme Committee recommendations;
 - b) appreciated this report as a learning tool, including its rating of the progress, for the Committee in phrasing its recommendations;
 - c) noted the clarifications provided on action 25 concerning the new key performance indicator for project performance management introduced in the PWB 2020-21 under Functional Objective 8 (Outreach) and the timing of the on-going initiative aimed at, *inter alia*, reinforcing the monitoring of projects and the ability to report on the contribution of their results to the FAO Strategic Framework, and recommended that the KPI be further reviewed taking into consideration the outcome of work on recommendation 5 of the evaluation of the strategic results framework;
 - d) reiterated the recommendation of using rating, including the use of a traffic light system, for evaluations needed further elaboration and work from OED and requested that the status of action 27 be changed from “completed” to “ongoing”.

Item 16: Date and place of the Hundred and Twenty-eighth Session

29. The Committee was informed that its 128th session would take place in Rome from 18 to 22 May 2020.

Item 17: Any other business

30. The Committee was updated on the status of the *International Symposium on Fisheries Sustainability: Strengthening the Science-Policy Nexus*, to take place at FAO headquarters, Rome, Italy from 18-21 November 2019.
31. The Committee noted information on the UNSG Summit on Food Systems, reiterated the request of strong involvement of the Members in the preparations and to define clear deliverables and outcomes of the summit and looked forward to receiving further information.
32. The Committee discussed the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, and:
- a) appreciated the Initiative in particular the focus on country level ownership and results;
 - b) requested further and more detailed information on:
 - i. the programmatic and budgetary consequences for the Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization;
 - ii. the coordination of activities within FAO;
 - iii. resource mobilization oversight;
 - iv. cooperation with governments;
 - v. coordination with relevant UN organizations, taking into account the repositioning of the UN development system, and other development partners at country level;
 - vi. involvement of relevant stakeholders at the global and national level;

¹⁴ PC 127/INF/2

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- vii. the geographical scope, including targeted countries, as referred to in paragraph 5.n) and 5.o);
 - viii. the linkages with South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
 - ix. ownership by the countries, governance arrangements, including oversight mechanisms;
 - x. programmatic and financial implications, including links to pooled funds such as CERF, GEF and GCF;
- c) recommended that the draft information paper will be discussed in a next informal session of the Programme Committee;
- d) recommended that the Programme Committee review the programmatic, financial and geographical consequence at its next session in order to provide recommendations to the Council on adoption of the initiative.

Annex 1 -Table 1. Evaluations and associated reports for the Programme Committee (document PC 127/6 Indicative Rolling Work Plan of evaluations 2020-2022)

Tentative Session of the Committee and evaluations to be presented	Year(s) conducted
Autumn 2019 session	
Evaluation of FAO's private sector partnership strategy	2018-2019
Evaluation of FAO's Strategic Results Framework	2018-2019
<i>Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's contribution to inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems (SO 4)</i>	
Indicative Rolling Work Plan of evaluations (update)	
Spring 2020 session	
Evaluation of FAO's support to zero hunger (SDG2)	2019 – 2020
Evaluation of FAO's work in statistics	2019 – 2020
Enhancing FAO's capacity to evaluate contributions at country level: options paper	
<i>Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's contribution to elimination of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition (SO 1)</i>	
Autumn 2020 session	
Evaluation of FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme	2019-2020
Evaluation of FAO role and positioning in the UN system in support to zero hunger (SDG2)	2019-2020
Evaluation of FAO's civil society partnership strategy	2019-2020
<i>Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's contribution to integrated natural resource management for sustainable agriculture (SO 2)</i>	
Spring 2021 session	
Evaluation of FAO's support to climate action (SDG13) and the implementation of FAO Strategy on Climate Change (2017)	2020 – 2021
Evaluation of FAO's support to sustainable consumption and production (SDG12)	2020 – 2021
<i>Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's work on gender</i>	
<i>Follow-up report on evaluation of nutrition strategy</i>	
Autumn 2021 session	
Evaluation of FAO's support to clean water and sanitation (SDG6)	2020 – 2021
Joint evaluation of Rome-based agencies collaboration	2020 – 2021
Indicative rolling work plan of evaluations	
<i>Follow-up report on evaluation of FAO's Strategic Results Framework</i>	
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