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Proposal for conditions for the FAO Awards

Extract from the Report of the 166th Session of Council (26 April-1 May 2021)

FAO Awards¹

42. The Council welcomed the document CL 166/15, FAO Awards, and:
- a) welcomed the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) consultations with Members towards defining consistent and sustainable conditions for the award of prizes in the context of his informal meetings with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups;
 - b) noted that the Management proposal for a new set of systematic and sustainable FAO Awards incorporated inputs from Members, and was conceptualized around topics of institutional relevance and strategic importance, aimed at bolstering the pertinence of the Awards and leveraging the FAO Brand;
 - c) noted that the existing Awards, which are funded entirely by Members' extra-budgetary contributions, will be maintained;
 - d) appreciated the criteria and procedures for the nomination and selection of awardees as outlined in Annex 2 of CL 166/15[, *appended hereto as Annex*];
 - e) welcomed the proposal to cap the future level of biennial funding of the FAO Awards at USD 125 000 of the Regular Programme budget; and
 - f) recommended the Conference at its 42nd Session endorse the Management proposal for a new set of FAO Awards.

¹ CL 166/15; CL 166/8 para.15; CL 166/PV/7; CL 166/PV/11

Annex**Proposed Criteria and Procedures for the Nomination and Selection for FAO Awards**

1. Eligibility for the awards: Members, institutions, individuals, international/regional organizations, academic or research entities, civil society groups, private sector entities and FAO employees can be nominated for the various awards, according to a set of specific criteria, for outstanding contribution towards advancing the overall goals of the Organization, including the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The awards will be in the categories of, i) the FAO Champion Award, the highest corporate Award for Members or their representatives for contribution to the overall achievement of FAO mandate; ii) Partnership, for outstanding collaboration with FAO; iii) Achievement, in various sectors and programmes related to the work of the Organization; iv) Innovation, for ground-breaking innovation in areas under FAO's mandate; and, v) Employees, for exceptional effectiveness and accomplishment in serving the Organization.
2. Nature of the award: the award will consist of a scroll describing the recipient's achievements and a cash prize. No cash prize will be given to FAO employees, in any category.
3. Selection of awardees: An *ad hoc* interdepartmental Screening Committee, chaired by a member of the core leadership, will make a shortlist of nominations. The awardees will be chosen by a Selection Committee chaired by the Director-General and comprising the Independent Chairperson of the Council, the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and the Chairperson of the Programme Committee.
4. Conferment of the awards: the awards will be presented at a ceremony during the Conference, Council, World Food Day and/or other high visibility events.