32nd Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
10 – 14 March 2014
Overview

- As of 2009, Regional Conferences (RCs) are considered ‘Governing Bodies’ of FAO
- RCs have been assigned key role in shaping the work of Regional Offices
- RCs consist of Senior Officers Meeting (2.5 days) and Plenary Session (2 days)
- RC agenda 2 item types: “standing items” and “discussion items”
Agenda Setting & Timeline

• “Standing items” – determined by FAO (HQ and Regional Office)

• “Discussion items” – consultative process involving
  – Member Countries (through representation at HQ)
  – FAO Country Offices
  – RAP Officers
  – FAO HQ Officers
“Discussion Items”

• Dec 12, 2012: Requests for proposals for agenda items send out to
  – Southwest Pacific Regional Group (both co-chairs)
  – Asia Regional Group (chairperson)
  – FAO (FAORs, FAO HQ, FAO RAP)

• Deadline Jan 15, extended to Jan 31 for Member Countries

• Pacific Group provided proposals on 6 March, Asia Group proposals pending
Proposals Received

• 33 proposals received from FAO and 12 from South West Pacific Group

• Three major ‘clusters’
  – Rural development and employment
  – Food security and nutrition
  – Sustainability and resilience

• ‘Sub-clusters’ within main clusters, e.g.
  – Land management, land use, rehabilitation
  – Management of genetic resources, etc
Current State of Play

• Meeting farmers’ aspirations in the context of green development
• The double burden of malnutrition in Asia and the Pacific
• Sustainable intensification of aquaculture for food and nutritional security in the Asia-Pacific region
• Eco-system restoration for climate change mitigation / adaptation, food security and livelihood support
Next Steps

• Submit 1st draft Provisional Annotated Agenda to Regional Groups of Permanent Representatives (via OSD and CSC) by 5 April 2013

• Receipt of comments of Regional Groups of Permanent Representatives by 30 April

• Submit final draft of Annotated Agenda to ODG (via OSD) on 15 May