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Priorities for FAO Activities in the Region

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Introduction - FAO Strategic Objectives

- Reviewed FAO Strategic Framework and new Medium Term Plan 2014-17 through analysis and inputs from Governing Bodies
- FAO's new Strategic Objectives
 1. Help eliminate hunger food insecurity and malnutrition
 2. Make agriculture more productive and sustainable
 3. Reduce rural poverty
 4. Enable inclusive and efficient agriculture & food systems
 5. Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises
- Results framework with indicators and targets



Introduction - Regional Focus

- Consulting Regional Conference on priorities for FAO's work in 2014-15 and 2016-17
- Address regional priorities through Regional Initiatives
 - Lessons learned in 2013
 - Focused, time bound, country impact, scale-up
- Address country priorities through Country Programming Frameworks
- Work in partnership with Members, civil society and private sector



Background

Three major strategy streams for priorities of
FAO Activities in Asian and the Pacific:

- FAO's reviewed Strategic Framework (2010-19) and new Medium-Term Plan (2014-17).
- FAO regional priorities in Asia and the Pacific (as outlined in PPF 2010-19).
- FAO's Country Programming Frameworks



Key FAO achievements in the region.

- Follow-up and implementation of the 31st APRC key recommendations.
- Regional Rice Initiative
- Coconut Sector Review in the Region
- Control and Prevention of Transboundary Animal Disease in the Region
- Zero Hunger Challenge, Save Food Campaign, preparation to IYFF, GIAHS, Food Price Monitor, Promotion of underutilized indigenous food resources, etc.



	CPF Priority areas	No . of countries
1	Natural resource conservation and management (including land, water and forest resources) [SO2] [RP C]	15
2	Climate change mitigation and adaptation - disaster risk management / emergency preparedness [SO5] [RP D/E]	15
3	Promotion of food & nutrition security [SO1] [RP A]	14
4	Poverty alleviation, livelihoods promotion, etc. [SO3] [RP A/B]	14
5	Post-harvest technology / Reduction of food waste / Agribusiness development (including value chains) / Marketing / Food safety / SPS [SO4] [RP B]	10
6	Increasing agricultural productivity (including crops, livestock, fisheries and forestry) / Agricultural research and extension and other support services [SO2] [RP B]	10
7	Policy support / Regulatory framework / Trade / Marketing / Information management systems / statistics, etc. [SO1 / SO4 / SO6 (statistics)]	9
	CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES	
A	Gender equity	21
B	Capacity-building/development (human resources and institutions) [SO1]	10



Total Delivery of RAP Field Programme by Type of Assistance (including Emergency) *as at December 2013 (estimate)*



* Provisional estimate with $\pm 3\%$ variation



Regional priorities corresponding to the Five new FAO Strategic Objectives for the medium term

- SO 1 and Regional Priority A: to implement Zero Hunger Challenge in Asia and the Pacific
- SO 2 and Regional Priority B: to support smallholder farmers for increasing their agricultural productivity and production.
- SO 3 and Regional Priority B: *to Reduce rural poverty*
- SO 4 and Regional Priority B: *to Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems*
- SO 5 and Regional Priority D & E: *to Increase the resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises*



Focused areas of work for 2014 – 2015 and beyond

4 Regional Initiatives

1. **Zero Hunger Challenge** in Asia and the Pacific (SO1)
2. **Regional Rice Initiative** Phase II (SO2)
3. **Blue growth** enhancing equitable, productive and sustainable natural resource management and utilization through a blue economy (SO 2)
4. **Developing local value chains** for food security and nutrition in Pacific Island Countries (SO4)



Priorities beyond the biennium 2014-15

- **Post-2015 Development Agenda and Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development.**
- **FAO's vision to “end hunger and make the transition to a sustainable agriculture and food system” .**
 1. Eradicating hunger and improve nutrition
 2. Sustainable food consumption, and
 3. Inclusive and Effective Governance
- **FAO commitments responding to the Post- 2015 Development Agenda identified 12 Universal Goals. Of those:**
 - Goal 1** aims to “End poverty” (SO3).
 - Goal 5** aims to “Ensure food security and good nutrition” (Zero Hunger Challenge, SO1).
 - Goal 9** aims to “Manage natural resource assets sustainably”(SO2 &5).



Guidance sought

The Regional Conference is invited to:

1. Take note of the major actions carried out by FAO to address regional priorities during 2012-2013.
2. Endorse the relevance of existing priorities for FAO's work in the region (paragraphs 15 to 25).
3. Endorse the focused areas of work in the Region for 2014-15 and beyond (paragraphs 26-31)
4. Advise on emerging issues for consideration in further programme development.

Thank you for your attention.