

Chair's Aide-Mémoire

Meeting of Working Group I of the Conference Committee for IEE Follow-up (CoC-IEE)

Wednesday 22 July 2009

Vic Heard, Chair WG I

Consideration of the draft Strategic Framework and Medium Term Plan

Draft Strategic Framework

1. The Working Group reviewed the draft Strategic Framework prepared by Management ([www.fao.org/uploads/media/PC102-2-FC128-11StrategicFramework\(English\).pdf](http://www.fao.org/uploads/media/PC102-2-FC128-11StrategicFramework(English).pdf)), a forward looking document with a ten-year horizon, subject to review every four years, setting forth the agreed Vision for FAO and Global Goals of Members, and outlining the results-based approach for programme planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting, within a means-to-ends hierarchy covering all the work of the Organization.

2. Members were generally satisfied that the draft Strategic Framework document met the requirements of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) and noted the following:

- **Section I:** it was pointed out that, in line with the format set out in the IPA, Section I provided an analysis of the challenges facing food, agriculture and rural development, which was important for a strategic document. However, the Section had not yet been reviewed by Members, who made several comments during the discussion. Members were invited to provide written comments and suggestions on Section I to assist Management in preparing the final draft. These should be sent to the Director, Office of Programme, Budget and Evaluation (PBE-Director@fao.org) by Friday 7 August 2009.
- **Impact Focus Areas (IFAs):** Members noted that IFAs were briefly presented in the draft Strategic Framework (paragraphs 51 to 53), and were described in some more detail in the draft Medium Term Plan (paragraphs 33 and 34 and Figure 3). The Working Group considered that the way in which IFAs were to be applied in the Medium Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget document needed to be clarified.

3. Management took note of the comments made by Members and undertook to take them into account in refining the presentation of the final version of the Strategic Framework document, to be further reviewed in September 2009 by Working Group I, the CoC-IEE and the Council.

Annex

Agenda for the meeting

1. Chair's introduction
2. Consideration of the draft Strategic Framework and Medium Term Plan
 - Strategic and Functional Objective results frameworks
 - Application of core functions
 - Impact Focus Areas