



منظمة الأغذية
والزراعة
للأمم المتحدة

联合国
粮食及
农业组织

Food
and
Agriculture
Organization
of
the
United
Nations

Organisation
des
Nations
Unies
pour
l'alimentation
et
l'agriculture

Organización
de las
Naciones
Unidas
para la
Agricultura
y la
Alimentación

CONFERENCE

Thirty-third Session

Rome, 19 – 26 November 2005

Programme Implementation Report 2002-2003

(Extract from the Report of the Hundred and Twenty-seventh Council Session)

(November 2004)

PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2002-2003¹¹

45. The Council welcomed the continued efforts to improve the Programme Implementation Report (PIR), noting that the changes introduced were consistent with the progress made over recent years in the application of Results-Based Budgeting (RBB) principles in FAO.

46. The Council recalled that the PIR was intended to meet accountability requirements for Members in full complementarity with evaluation reports, the contents of which would be summarized in the Programme Evaluation Report (PER). It recognized that there were, necessarily, basic differences in timeframe and scope between the two documents.

47. Some Members mentioned areas where they would welcome the provision of further information, such as additional financial analysis, country level data, and information on impact reporting in order to respond to accountability requirements and to provide the necessary analytical foundations for future programme planning. On the other hand, many Members felt that efforts should be made to reduce the size of the document and avoid duplication. The Council was advised of the practical difficulties in reducing the size of the document while providing more detailed information.

48. The Council noted, in this connection, that the Programme and Finance Committees had made a number of suggestions for further improvements in the document, that included the consolidation of some sections and the need for increased outcomes reporting. It therefore requested that the Committees and the Secretariat explore how the PIR could be enhanced by taking into account, where possible and desirable, the various requests of Members, and by

¹¹ C 2005/8; C 2005/8-Corr.1; CL 127/PV/4; CL 127/PV/8

possibly taking advantage of the FAO Website as a modality for providing much of the information.

49. The Council was satisfied that overall delivery under the Regular Programme had included close to full utilization of budgeted resources. Many Members expressed their concern that the FAO's scarce resources may be too thinly spread over too many activities and consequently hampering FAO's overall effectiveness. Therefore, FAO should have a stronger focus on priority-setting already in the context of the next Summary Programme of Work and Budget. Many Members emphasized the importance of a vigorous Field Programme, noting in particular the expansion of the Special Programme on Food Security (SPFS) in the last biennium and the essential contributions made by the Technical Cooperation Programme. They looked forward to further extra-budgetary support to the Field Programme, in line with present positive trends.

50. The Council endorsed the document prior to its consideration by the Conference.