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**SECOND MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

17 – 19 November 2020

Annotated Provisional Agenda and Timetable

INTRODUCTION

1. At its Eighth Session, the Governing Body adopted the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty for the period 2020 to 2025, through Resolution 3/2019,¹ in order to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under the Treaty.
2. Paragraph 44 of the Treaty's new Funding Strategy 2020-2025, provides that the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (Funding Committee) will develop an Operational Plan for the implementation of the Funding Strategy that will be reviewed and updated on a biennial basis, and will include a number of considerations related to its implementation, monitoring, review and re-planning.
3. At its first meeting, the Committee agreed that the main focus of its second virtual meeting would be the Operational Plan for the implementation of the Funding Strategy for the period 2020-2025 and requested the Secretary to work with the Co-Chairs to develop a first draft of the Operational Plan, for the consideration of the Committee.
4. Since its first meeting, there has been a change in one of the Co-Chairs of the Committee. In late September, the Committee agreed to elect Mr. Manrique Lucio Altavista of Argentina to replace Mr. Luis Fernando Ceciliano, who stood down, as the Co-Chair of the Funding Committee.

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The second meeting of the Funding Committee will be held virtually through three, two-hour sessions over the period 17-19 November 2020. The opening of the meeting will take place on Tuesday 17 November at 12.00 noon CET. Further details concerning the arrangements for participating in the virtual meeting are contained in the document, IT/SFC-2/20/Inf.2, *Note for Participants*.

¹ <http://www.fao.org/3/nb780en/nb780en.pdf>

ITEM 2: AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

6. The Provisional Agenda contained in document IT/GB-9/SFC-2/20/1 has been prepared by the Secretary, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs. The present document, IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/2, annotates the Provisional Agenda and contains a draft indicative timetable in Appendix 1.

7. An invitation to attend the second virtual meeting of the Committee as silent observers may be extended to Contracting Parties that are not Members of the Committee. Consideration will be given to inviting active Observers to subsequent meetings of the Committee on the basis of expertise and relevance, and will be discussed further under Agenda Item 4.

ITEM 3: OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020-2025

8. This agenda item considers the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/3, and is structured for consideration by the Committee in five parts:

- a. Introduction, contents and overview
- b. Focus Area 1: Resource Mobilization
- c. Focus Area 2: Benefit-sharing Fund Operations
- d. Focus Area 3: Monitoring and Review
- e. Next steps for the finalisation of the Operational Plan

Part a. Introduction, contents and overview

9. An introduction to the draft operational plan will be provided, including a short presentation on the background information contained in paragraph 44 a-g of the Funding Strategy concerning the development of the operational plan, an overview of any overarching comments or feedback received from the Committee on the first draft of the Operational Plan, followed by a discussion on the operational plan structure and Section I *Overview*, as contained in section II of the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/3, *Co-Chairs' First Draft of the Operational Plan for the Funding Strategy 2020-2025*.

Part b. Focus Area 1: Resource Mobilization

10. This part of the agenda item will focus on section II *Focus Area 1: Resource Mobilization* of the draft Operational Plan as contained in section II of IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/3.

11. A short overview of the contents and rationale of this section will be provided, as well as a summary of the comments or feedback received by the Committee on this section, followed by a discussion.

Part c. Focus Area 2: Benefit-sharing Fund Operations

12. This part of the agenda item will focus on section III *Focus Area 2: Benefit-sharing Fund Operations* of the draft Operational Plan contained in section II of IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/3.

13. A short overview of the contents and rationale of this section will be provided, as well as a summary of the comments or feedback received by the Committee on this section, followed by a discussion.

Part d. Focus Area 3: Monitoring and Review

14. This part of the agenda item will focus on section IV *Focus area 3: Monitoring and Review* of the draft Operational Plan contained in section II of IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/3.

15. A short overview of the contents and rationale of this section will be provided, as well as a summary of the comments or feedback received by the Committee on this section, followed by a discussion.

Part e. Next steps for the finalisation of the Operational Plan

16. Under this part of the agenda item, the Committee will discuss the next steps required in order to finalise the Operational Plan.

ITEM 4: FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

17. At its last meeting, the Committee agreed on the meeting schedule, arrangements and priorities for the Committee in the biennium, as set out in *Annex 1* of the Meeting Proceedings of the first meeting of the Committee, contained in the document, *IT/GB-9/SFC-1/20/Proceedings*.

18. The Committee agreed that the main focus of its third virtual meeting would be the Benefit-sharing Fund operations, Resource Mobilization and the Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework of the Benefit-sharing Fund. It further noted that, once information on the schedule of the Independent Evaluation of the Third Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund was known, a special webinar could be organised before its third meeting that focused on this topic in order for the Committee to be briefed on the outcomes of the evaluation.

19. Under this item, the Committee will consider:

- a. Any action items to take forward the work of the Committee, including in preparation for its next meeting.
- b. Subsequent meeting arrangements, including the participation of active observers, and any outside expertise needed in order to progress the work to implement and further develop the Funding Strategy.

ITEM 5: OTHER BUSINESS

20. Under this item, and time permitting, the Committee may wish to discuss any other relevant matters that may have arisen or were raised by members, which have not been covered in the agenda.

ITEM 6: MEETING PROCEEDINGS

21. The meeting proceedings, containing a summary of the discussions of the Committee during its second meeting, will be documented and circulated by the Secretariat following the meeting. Comments on the meeting proceedings can be made electronically by Members of the Committee for the finalization of the document. Under this item, the Committee will agree the timeframe for providing comments on the meeting proceedings document.

APPENDIX 1
PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Session 1 – Tuesday 17 November 2020, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Agenda and timetable 3. Operational Plan 2020-25 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introduction, contents and overview b. Focus Area 1: Resource Mobilization
Session 2 – Wednesday 18 November 2020, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Operational Plan 2020-25 (continued) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. Focus Area 2: Benefit-sharing Fund Operations d. Focus Area 3: Monitoring and Review
Session 3 – Thursday 19 November 2020, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Operational Plan 2020-25 (continued) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. Focus Area 3: Monitoring and Review (continued, as needed) e. Next steps for the finalisation of the Operational Plan 4. Future work of the Committee 5. Other business 6. Meeting proceedings