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THIRD MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

23 – 26 February 2021

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. At its second meeting, the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee) finalised the Funding Strategy's Operational Plan 2020-2025, as contained in *Appendix 2* of the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-2/20/Proceedings. The Operational Plan is structured around the three focus areas of: Resource Mobilization; Benefit-sharing Fund operations; and, Monitoring and Review.
3. At that meeting, the Committee also agreed on a broad timeline for its work in the 2020-2021 biennium, which is set out in Table 1 of the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-2/20/Proceedings. It specified that the focus of the Committee's third meeting would be on Resource Mobilization and Benefit-sharing Fund Operations.

ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The third meeting of the Funding Committee will be held virtually through four daily sessions of two hours each, over the period 23-26 February 2021. The opening of the meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 February at 12.00 noon CET. Further details concerning the arrangements for participating in the virtual meeting are contained in the document, IT/SFC-3/21/Inf.2, *Note for Participants*.

ITEM 2: AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

5. The Provisional Agenda contained in the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-3/21/1, has been prepared by the Secretary, based upon the focus areas agreed on by the Committee at its last meeting. The present document, IT/GB-9/SFC-3/21/2, annotates the Provisional Agenda and contains a draft indicative timetable in *Appendix 1*.

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

ITEM 3: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

6. This item will be structured in two parts:
 - a. Outreach for Resource Mobilization
 - b. Draft outline of strategy to mobilize funds from food processing industries

Part a. Outreach for Resource Mobilization

7. An introduction to this item will be provided, followed by a presentation and discussion session with invited FAO representatives from the Resource Mobilization and Private Sector Partnerships Division and GEF unit. The presentations will focus on FAO's new Private Sector Engagement Strategy and on anticipating the GEF-8 program and Biodiversity Strategy. The Global Crop Diversity Trust will also present on a number of joint Trust-Treaty resource mobilization and outreach initiatives.

Part b. Draft outline of strategy to mobilize funds from food processing industries

8. This sub-item will consider the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-3/21/3, *Draft skeleton outline of the strategy to mobilize funds from food processing industries*.

9. An introduction to this agenda item will be provided by the Secretariat. A presentation by an invited outside expert on the food processing industry will be provided, followed by a presentation from a FAO Representative on FAO's new Private Sector Engagement Strategy, and discussion.

10. A short overview of the document will be provided, as well as a summary of any comments or feedback received by the Committee on the document in advance of the meeting. The Committee will provide guidance on its further development, in order to prepare the draft for consideration of the Committee at its fourth meeting.

ITEM 4: BENEFIT-SHARING FUND OPERATIONS

Part a. Introduction

11. An introduction to this item will be provided by the Secretariat, including a presentation of the relevant documents followed by a brief discussion.

12. This item will be structured in three parts:
 - a. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework
 - b. BSF-5 options paper
 - c. Provision of guidance on outreach initiatives for Resource Mobilization for BSF-5

Part b. Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework

13. This sub-item will consider the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-3/21/4, *Draft Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework of the BSF*.

14. A short overview of the document will be provided, as well as a summary of any comments or feedback received by the Committee on the document in advance of the meeting. The Committee will then discuss the next steps required in order to finalise the MEL framework.

Part c. BSF-5 options paper

15. This sub-item will consider the document, IT/GB-9/SFC-3/21/5, *Options paper for BSF-5*.

16. A short overview of the document will be provided. The Committee will discuss and provide guidance to the Secretary on the next steps to develop the Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund, including any related preparation needed for its fourth meeting.

Part c. Provision of guidance on outreach initiatives for Resource Mobilization for BSF-5

17. Under this sub-item the Committee will consider the available resources for BSF-5 set out in IT/GB-9/SFC-3/21/5, *Options paper for BSF-5* and discuss the possible outreach initiatives that could be taken forward by the Committee to mobilize further resources.

ITEM 5: FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

18. 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 and initial consideration of the preparation of its report to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body.
- 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

19. Under this item, and with 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

20. The meeting proceedings, containing a summary of the discussions of the Committee during its third 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 23 February 2021, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Agenda and timetable 3. Resource Mobilization <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Outreach for Resource Mobilization
Session 2 – Wednesday 24 February 2021, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b) Draft outline of strategy to mobilize funds from food processing industries 4. Benefit-sharing Fund Operations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Introduction
Session 3 – Thursday 25 February 2021, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b) Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework c) BSF-5 options paper considered
Session 4 – Friday 26 February 2021, 12.00 – 14.00 Central European Time (CET)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d) Guidance provided on outreach initiatives for Resource Mobilization for BSF-5 5. Future work of the Committee 6. Other business 7. Meeting proceedings