



Terms of Reference (ToRs)
Working Group on Resource Mobilization (RM)
under the Steering Committee of the Global Action
for Fall Armyworm Control

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Context

Fall Armyworm (FAW), a major pest of maize and other economically important crops, invaded Africa in 2017. Since then, the pest has continued to spread across Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and the Near East. FAO launched the Global Action (GA) for Fall Armyworm Control in December 2019 to provide a global coordination mechanism to mitigate the impacts of this invasive pest. A Steering Committee (SC), chaired by FAO Director-General, oversees the GA with the technical support from a Technical Committee (TC) chaired by USAID Chief Scientist. The GA will develop capacity in validating, implementing and scaling up Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques and technologies to control FAW in three regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and in the Near East. Specifically, eight demonstration countries have been identified for validation and large-scale demonstration of comprehensive and contextualized IPM packages that will then be disseminated to 53 pilot countries in the regions. It has been estimated that USD 10 million are needed for immediate mobilization to support action on the ground in these regions. The 3rd meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) to the Global Action for Fall Armyworm Control proposes the establishment of a Working Group on Resource Mobilization (RM).

The decision to establish an RM Working Group is based on the need for joint efforts to mobilize funds for Fall Armyworm (FAW) control in a time of competing needs such as Desert Locust and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Objective of the Working Group

The overall objective of this Working Group is to provide guidance and support the efforts of the FAW Secretariat for resource mobilization, including identifying and implementing innovative financing initiatives with a focus on both traditional and non-traditional funding sources for the implementation of the GA for 2021-2022.

Major responsibilities

The major responsibilities of the Working Group include:

1. Review and further sharpen the role and function of RM Working Group.
2. Assess funding gaps and needs for the successful implementation of the Global Action strategy (2021-2022) in eight demonstration countries and 53 pilot countries.
3. Conduct a global assessment for potential funding sources, including the private sector.
4. Highlight sustainable business models to engage the private sector investment in mainstreaming IPM techniques and technologies for FAW.



5. Support the identification of new funding sources and opportunities, including through the organization of Resource Partners' briefings, meetings and pledging events.
6. Identify champions for soliciting support from States and Non-State Actors.

Working mechanism

The Chairperson will lead the work of the Working Group, in consultation with the Vice Chairpersons, and with the support of the FAW Secretariat. Convened by the Chairperson, the Working Group will meet (virtually) at least once a quarter (and as and when required by the Chairperson of the Group) and communicate via dedicated channels. As an immediate output, the Working Group will prepare recommendations to be submitted to the 4th Steering Committee meeting (tentatively scheduled in the first quarter of 2021) and presented to the High-Level Conference expected in early March 2021.

Composition and Chairmanship

The membership of the Working Group will include representatives of the FAW Steering and Technical Committees, and of selected external resource partners, as well as FAO staff from the relevant divisions (Centres, and units).

The Deputy Director-General of FAO with oversight role A over the Plant Production and Protection Division will act as the Chairperson, supported by two Vice Chairpersons: the Director of Resource Mobilization and Private Sector Partnerships Division (PSR) and the Deputy Director of Plant Production and Protection Division (NSP).



Annex 1- list of Members of the Working Group on Resource Mobilization (WG RM)

1.	Ms Beth Bechdol	Deputy Director-General	Chairperson	FAO
2.	Mr Alexander Jones	Director FAO Private-Sector Partnerships Division (PSR)	Vice Chairperson	FAO
3.	Dr Bouchaib Boulanouar	Partnerships Coordinator Agriculture and Rural Development African Development Bank Group (AfDB)	Member	SC
4.	Mr Neil Hausmann	Senior Programme Officer Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Member	SC
5.	Mr Robert Hunter	Chief Operating Officer CropLife International	Member	TC
6.	Ms May-Guri Sæthre	Senior Adviser NORAD	Member	TC
7.	Mr Michael Michener	Deputy Assistant Administrator of USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security	Member	(External)
8.	Ms Melissa Williams	Senior Rural Development Specialist, Agriculture and Food Practice Group World Bank	Member	(External)
9.	TBD	Islamic Development Bank	Member	(External)
10.	Mr Matthias Leitner	Asian Development Bank	Member	(External)
11.	Mr Rein Paulsen	Director Office of Emergency and Resilience (OER)	Member	FAO



12.	Mr Mohamed Manssouri	Director FAO Investment Center (CFI)	Member	FAO
13.	Mr Ye Anping	Director Office of South-South and Triangular Cooperation (PST)	Member	FAO