



WASAG | The Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture

COAG RESOLUTION

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Summary notes



The Committee on Agriculture (COAG) during its 27th Session, in the morning and afternoon sessions of 30 September 2020, debated about the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) in collaboration with a new global initiative, the Global Programme on Sustainable Dryland Agriculture, following presentations by the Land and Water Division and the Plant Production and Protection Division. Thereafter, in its resolutions, the Committee:

- a) Recognized the critical importance of achieving global food security and nutrition, and improved livelihoods in a changing climate.
- b) Supported the evidence-based, country-led and country-owned systems approach, encompassing international technical cooperation, in order to ensure sustainable agriculture and sustainable rural development of drylands and climate change mitigation and adaptation, and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- c) Recognized the important work developed by WASAG towards awareness raising on the issues of water scarcity in agriculture and its importance in leveraging, together with Hand-in-Hand Initiative, the work of the Global Programme on Sustainable Dryland Agriculture.
- d) Acknowledged that WASAG, in collaboration with the Global Dryland Programme, will support the Members' initiatives in fostering an enabling environment through the development of appropriate technologies, breeding policies and regional strategies, to ensure adoption and promotion of sustainable crop, livestock, forest, integrated sustainable soil management and integrated water resources management in drylands under a changing climate and suggested FAO include the middle-income countries in the Global Programme.
- e) Endorsed the "Global Programme on Sustainable Dryland Agriculture", recognized its contribution to advance the 2030 Agenda, called upon FAO to integrate it into its work and suggested it be subject to monitoring and evaluation, including under the SDG monitoring framework, in partnership with countries with technical experience of sustainable management of dryland agricultural systems and South-South and Triangular Cooperation.
- f) Recommended FAO to monitor the implementation of the Global Dryland Programme and adopt digitalization platforms and participatory approaches to support regular reporting.
- g) Recommended Members to strengthen their cooperation for the implementation of the Global Dryland Programme and urged them to support it through targeted policies, technologies, innovations and investments.
- h) Requested FAO's continued reporting of the progress of WASAG to COAG.

MORE INFORMATION

Official submissions to COAG:
<http://www.fao.org/3/nd388en/nd388en.pdf>
<http://www.fao.org/3/nd412en/nd412en.pdf>
COAG session report:
<http://www.fao.org/3/ne021en/ne021en.pdf>

