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Priorities in the Africa Region under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31

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FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31

- 42nd session of FAO conference endorsed FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31

Guides all of FAO’s work and approved budgetary appropriations for 2022-23 biennium

- Provides **overarching framework** for regional programmatic agenda, including:
  
  ✓ Alignment of results framework with **2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development
  
  ✓ Regional Priorities aligned to **Programme Priority Areas** (PPAs), through the FAO
    Strategic Framework 2022-31, Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2022-25 and Programme of
    Work and Budget (PWB) 2022-23
FAO’s strategic narrative

Supporting the Agenda 2030 through the transformation to MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life, leaving no one behind.
FAO Strategic Framework implemented through

- **20 PPAs** articulate FAO’s thematic, technical comparative advantage and competencies, complemented by:
  - Four accelerators: **technology**, **innovation**, **data** and **complements** focus efforts in all programmatic interventions
  - Three cross-cutting themes: **gender**, **youth** and **inclusion** embedded across all FAO’s work

- **Science & Innovation** and **Climate Change** strategies support implementation of Strategic Framework and provide guidance on:
  - Coherence and alignment to **Member-led initiatives** for impact at country level through better use of science and innovation; and
  - Strengthened **support to countries on climate action** and achievement of Nationally Determined Contributions.
FAO Strategic Framework implemented through

- Corporate initiatives maximize impact of Strategic Framework at country level:
  - **Hand-in-Hand Initiative** to accelerate agricultural transformation and sustainable rural development (SDGs)
  - **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme** to mitigate impacts of the pandemic while strengthening longer-term resilience and livelihoods
  - **Global Action on Green Development of Special Agricultural Products: One Country One Priority Product**, aiming to develop green and sustainable value chains for Special Agricultural Products.
  - **1000 Digital Villages** Initiative aims to convert 1 000 villages across the world into digital hubs, supporting the transformation of agrifood systems
  - **Regional Technical Platform** on Common Agricultural Policies and Practices to share knowledge, experiences, best practices and resources on innovations and policy actions for inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems
Priorities for FAO in Africa shaped by key trends and developments

Formidable challenges but promising opportunities

• Several countries not on track to meet the targets of SDG 1 and SDG 2
  ✓ 490 million people in Africa living in extreme poverty in 2021, up from 481 million in 2019
  ✓ More than 281 million hungry people in 2021, an increase of 89.1 million people since 2014.
  ✓ About 1 billion people in Africa could not afford a healthy diet in 2020

• Intense pressure on natural resources and climate change undermining agricultural productivity

• COVID-19 pandemic driving deepest contraction on record for SSA
  ✓ Economic growth expected to rebound from -1.7 percent in 2020 to 3.7 percent in 2021, and 3.8 percent in 2022 but recovery remains uncertain and fragile.
  ✓ At current levels of fiscal support and investments many African countries face protracted economic challenges, jeopardizing a return to pre-COVID-19 levels of activity, economic growth and social stability
  ✓ Continue to aggravate threats to food supply chains as well as food security and nutrition
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- Growing food markets and trade
  - Agricultural productivity could be 2-3 times higher with well-functioning agrifood systems
  - Food markets projected to reach USD1 trillion by 2030
  - AfCFTA estimated to expand intra-regional trade in agricultural products and services up to 30% by 2040

- Developments in science, technology and innovation generating new knowledge and providing efficient solutions

- Accelerated digitalization, creating new growth opportunities in food supply chains and inter-sector linkages

- Shifting demographics: fastest urbanizing region and growing youth population that can yield significant demographic dividends for multiple growth opportunities
Priority Areas of Work 2022-23

Regional Priorities

• Respond to **ARC31 recommendation** to refine three regional initiatives to enhance relevance for corporate initiatives and emerging regional and global developments

• Shift to four Regional Priorities respond to ARC 31 recommendation and address key themes from country, sub-regional and regional priorities:
  ✓ **Sustainable agrifood production systems**
  ✓ **Efficient and equitable food and nutrition systems**
  ✓ **Climate action and sustainable natural resource management**
  ✓ **Building resilience**, ending poverty

• Using SDG targets at corporate, regional and country levels facilitate working together as One FAO
Regional Priority 1: Sustainable Agrifood Production Systems

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Crop production and protection systems |
| BP2: Blue transformation. | 2.1, 2.2, 14.2, 14.4, 14.6, 14.7, 14.b, 14.c. | Fisheries and aquaculture systems |
| BP3: One Health. | 1.5, 3.d, 15.8. | Animal production systems and One Health platforms and actions |
| BP4: Small-scale producers’ equitable access to resources | 1.4, 2.3, 2.4, 9.3 | Crop production and protection systems |
| BP5: Digital agriculture. | 1.4, 5.b, 9.c, 17.8. | Crop production and protection systems |
## Regional Priority 2: Efficient and Equitable Food and Nutrition Systems

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### Regional Priority 4: Building resilience, ending poverty

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Regional priorities support FAO members

• Regional Priority 1 fully aligned with *better production*
  ✓ Tackle poverty and food insecurity through growth in agricultural productivity, farm incomes and urban food demand
  ✓ Use science, technology and innovation for value chain development and access to production techniques and markets

• Regional Priority 2 aligns strongly with *better nutrition*
  ✓ Declining food security and nutrition situation on the continent and its underlying structural causes
  ✓ Access to healthy diets, promoting healthy diets and influencing consumer demand for healthy food
  ✓ Trade and value chain development to deepen integration into regional and global markets

• Regional Priority 3 aligns well with a *better environment* and key elements of better production
  ✓ Climate variability and extremes and transitions towards a low-carbon, climate-resilient, and sustainable future.
  ✓ Rising deforestation, ongoing degradation of forests and ecosystems and continued biodiversity loss

• Regional Priority 4 fully aligns with a *better life*
  ✓ Growing youth unemployment and lower participation of women in decent work in the labour force
  ✓ Gaps in social protection, including social protection coverage and innovations in social protection initiatives
  ✓ Shocks and other disasters that weaken the resilience of households and their communities to cope
Our reinvigorated business model

- Enhanced results-based management underpins the **four Regional Priorities**, 15 Programme Work Areas, PPAs and SDG targets

- **Normative and standard setting work**, incorporating proposals under the Country Office Transformation

- **Delivering as One FAO** in Africa, encompassing delivery solutions to make Regional, Subregional and Country Offices more efficient and agile

- **Transformative partnerships** in the public sector, private sector, civil society and academia

- **Efficiency and innovative methods**, including a programmatic approach and country offices transformation

- **Managing risk** and uncertainty through enhanced use of digital technologies and platforms to respond quickly in an environment of increasing risk and uncertainty
Matters to be brought to the attention of the Regional Conference

- Take note of efforts to localize the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31, including the strategic narrative, which will guide all of FAO’s work and approve the budgetary appropriations for the 2022-23 biennium.

- Recognize re-organisation of regional structures in Africa, programmatic approach and reinvigorated business model to deliver FAO’s programmes efficiently with concrete and tangible results and greater impact at country level.

- Note the four Regional Priorities and their role for priority setting, programme operations and reporting on results.

- Take note of development of the FAO Strategy on Science and Innovation and Climate Change, as well as other FAO corporate initiatives and their implementation at regional and country levels.

- Recognize the critical contribution of corporate strategies and initiatives to accelerate agricultural transformation and sustainable rural development for the SDG 1, SDG 2, SDG 10 and attainment of all other SDGs in Africa.

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Thank you