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# COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

## Seventy-second Session

Rome, 26–28 September 2018

## MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPOW)

### Executive Summary

This document reports on the implementation of the CCP Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2016–19 and presents the draft MYPOW for the period 2018–21.

The development of multi-year programmes of work by FAO's Governing Bodies is meant to serve as an instrument to improve the governance and accountability of their work.

### Suggested action by the Committee

The Committee is invited to:

- Review the progress report on the implementation of the MYPOW 2016–19.
- Consider and approve the draft MYPOW 2018–21, annexed to this document.

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## I. Background

1. At its 71st Session in October 2016, the Committee received a progress report on the implementation of the MYPOW 2012–16, and reviewed and approved the proposed MYPOW for the period 2016–19.
2. The MYPOW is meant to serve as an instrument to improve the accountability and effective governance of FAO's Governing Bodies. The current document has been developed on the basis of the guidance received from the Committee, the Council and the Conference and intends to provide a basis for guiding the work of the Committee in 2018–21. As with the previous MYPOW, the new draft was developed based on the terms of reference of the Committee.

## II. Progress report on the MYPOW 2016–19

3. In line with the approved MYPOW 2016–19, regular meetings and inter-sessional activities were facilitated by the Chairperson and the Bureau members, with the support of the Secretariat.
4. A total of 11 Bureau meetings were held since the last Session of the CCP to discuss follow-up action and other related matters, plan inter-sessional activities and prepare for the 72nd Session of the Committee.
5. The Bureau has contributed to improving the governance of the Committee by consulting with the Regional Groups, through the regional representatives in the Bureau. This has proved useful in the preparation of inter-sessional activities and the draft agenda of the 72nd Session of the Committee.

### A. Strategy, priority setting and budget planning

6. The 71st Session of the Committee reviewed the state of commodity markets and policy matters related to markets and agricultural trade as well as emerging issues and work priorities in international commodity markets. The Committee's guidance and recommendations have provided a solid basis for setting work priorities and developing the Organization's work programme in the area of commodity markets and trade within the Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2018–21 and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2018–19.
7. The Chairperson presented the report of the 71st Session of the CCP to the 155th Session of the Council in December 2016, highlighting the Committee's recommendations regarding technical priorities to be considered in the Strategic Framework and action plans and programmes for the future work of the Organization. The recommendations of the Committee were endorsed by the Council and included in its final report.<sup>1</sup>

### B. Advice on global policy and regulatory matters

8. The Committee, through its Chairperson, presented its report and recommendations to the 40th Session of the Conference (3–7 July 2017). The recommendations, including those related to the work priority areas, were endorsed by, and reflected in, the report of the Conference.<sup>2</sup>
9. On 24 October 2017, under the auspices of the CCP, an event was held on the theme "Trade and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". Objectives of the event were twofold: i) inform and sensitize the Members about the state of play of the agricultural negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the preparation for the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference; and ii) debate and highlight the role of trade in achieving food security and improved nutrition and the articulation of food security needs in the multilateral trading system in the context of the 2030 Agenda. In addition to

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the Council of FAO, 155th Session, Rome, 5–9 December 2016

<sup>2</sup> Report of the Conference of FAO, 40th Session, Rome, 3–8 July 2017

FAO, representatives of WTO, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) participated as speakers and panellists. The event presented a unique platform for dialogue and discussion on topical and important issues. The FAO Director-General delivered opening remarks and the WTO Director-General addressed the event through a video message.

10. On 13 July 2018, under the auspices of the CCP, a joint FAO-OECD seminar was held at FAO headquarters in an effort to promote and raise awareness of the collaboration between the two organizations. The seminar included: i) presentation of the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2018–2027; ii) report on global development in agricultural policies; and iii) discussion on the importance of policy monitoring and evaluation for decision making. Another joint seminar on the theme sustainable productivity growth and climate change is planned as a side event to the 72nd Session of the CCP.

11. At the request of the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), CCP contributions to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) were prepared and submitted in 2017 and 2018. The HLPF is the main United Nations platform on sustainable development and has a central role in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. The HLPF meets annually under the auspices of ECOSOC.

### **C. Work planning and working methods**

12. CCP Report: the documents and the quality of the deliberations at the 71st Session of the Committee enabled the preparation of a concise report, focussing on specific action-oriented recommendations for presentation to the FAO Council and Conference.

13. During its 71st Session, the Committee received a progress report on the MYPOW 2012–16 and endorsed its MYPOW for the period 2016–19. This has contributed towards enhancing the work of the CCP in terms of accountability and effectiveness of governance.

14. The CCP Bureau, and particularly the Chairperson, has maintained regular and constant contact with the Secretariat, located in the Trade and Markets Division (EST).

15. The draft agenda for the 72nd Session of the CCP was prepared through close consultation between the Bureau and the Secretariat. The Bureau's regional representation further facilitated interaction with the different regional groups and contributed to the shaping of the agenda.

16. Regular consultation between the CCP and the other three Technical Committees, namely the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), the Committee on Fisheries (COFI) and the Committee on Forestry (COFO) was maintained with the aim to enhance cooperation and coordination, in particular with regard to broad global governance issues. The four Technical Committees jointly organized a side event on "FAO Technical Committees and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" during the 158th Session of the Council, on 5 December 2017. The side event was organized in the form of a panel discussion, with speakers representing FAO and the Technical Committees.

## ANNEX

### COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

Seventy-second Session

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### MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPow) 2018–21 OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

#### I. Objectives of the Committee on Commodity Problems for 2018–21

1. The Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) conducts periodic reviews of commodity problems of an international character and prepares factual and interpretative surveys of the world commodity situation, with a view to guiding concerted action by Member Nations and the Organization. It advises the Council on the overall work programme of the Organization relating to agricultural commodity markets, agricultural and trade policy and emerging issues related to markets and trade. The Committee provides evidence-based advice and action-oriented recommendations to the Conference on global policy and regulatory matters, in its areas of mandate.

#### II. Results for 2018–21

##### A. Strategy, priority setting and budget planning

2. Result:

The Organization has a clear strategy, well-defined priorities, programmes, organizational structures and budgets on issues of relevance to the mandate and terms of reference of the Committee.

3. Indicators and targets:

- Summary presentation of commodity market and policy developments is part of the regular sessions of the CCP.
- Analysis of the world agricultural commodity situation (The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets 2018) considered by the 72nd Session of the Committee.
- Recommendations relating to the Strategic Framework, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) are reflected in the Council reports.

4. Output:

Report of the Committee with clear, precise and consensual recommendations on strategy, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization are considered by Council, providing a solid basis for its guidance and decision-making.

5. Activities:

- Review the current situation in its areas of mandate, including issues of topical significance to the international community.
- Review decisions and recommendations from other global and regional fora relevant to commodities and their implications for Members and FAO.
- Review decisions and recommendations from other FAO governing and statutory bodies and sub-committees.
- Review implementation of the PWB in areas falling within the Committee's competence.
- Formulate clear, consensual, timely, well-developed and actionable recommendations for areas pertinent to commodities and trade on strategy, priorities, programmes and budget, under the reviewed Strategic Framework.
- Organize events, as appropriate, in the areas of the Committee's mandate.

## **B. Advice on global policy and regulatory matters**

### 6. Result:

Based on the Committee's recommendations, and taking into consideration regional priorities and specificities, FAO, through Conference, gives clear, relevant and useful advice on major policy and regulatory issues confronting the world, regions and individual Member Nations, within its areas of competence.

### 7. Indicators and targets:

- Members obtain value from the deliberations of the CCP, using the resulting advice and recommendations to guide domestic actions and policies.
- Clear and action-oriented recommendations on global policy and regulatory matters are reflected in the Committee's reports.
- Clear and specific recommendations made in a timely manner by CCP to the Conference regarding global policy and regulatory matters in areas of mandate.
- Recommendations of the Committee taken up by other international fora, in particular the High-level Political Forum for the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the ECOSOC forum on Financing for Development follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA).

### 8. Output:

Clear and consensual recommendations for FAO Conference on policy and regulatory frameworks, mechanisms and instruments.

### 9. Activities:

- Report to Conference on global policy and regulatory issues arising out of the Committee's deliberations.
- Review the status of relevant international agreements, instruments and processes in areas of competence of the Committee.
- Address new and emerging issues and recommend possible policy and action options for Members, FAO and other relevant stakeholders.
- Provide input to other international processes and instruments, as appropriate.

## **III. Effective work planning of CCP**

### 10. Result:

CCP works effectively and efficiently, in an action-oriented and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.

### 11. Indicators and targets:

- CCP agendas are prepared in close consultation with the Regional Groups and are focused and responsive to emerging needs.
- CCP reports are concise and contain specific, action-oriented recommendations that are made available to Members, Council and Conference in a timely manner.
- CCP documents are made available in all FAO languages four weeks before commencement of the session.
- Inter-sessional activities and events organized on issues of topical and timely importance to the international community falling within the mandate of the CCP.

12. Outputs:

- Progress report on the implementation of CCP's MYPOW 2016–19 endorsed.
- MYPOW for the period 2018–21 adopted in 2018.

13. Activities:

- Pay continued attention to effective arrangements for the formulation of agendas and drafting of the final report.
- Consider ways to improve the conduct of sessions, including more efficient use of the time available.
- Facilitate coordination with other FAO Technical Committees, as appropriate.

#### **IV. Working methods**

14. The work of the Committee is based on regular review and analysis of global trends in commodity markets, trade policy and related issues within the areas of its competence. It operates based on the following working methods:

- Regular contacts and consultation with the CCP Secretariat based in the Trade and Markets Division (EST).
- Collaboration with FAO Governing Bodies and relevant statutory bodies under FAO auspices.
- Liaison with the Programme Committee on strategy and priority matters and with the Finance Committee on financial and budgetary matters.
- Interaction with other global fora active in areas of relevance to the Committee, including through the possible participation of Bureau members in international meetings and events.
- Regular inter-sessional activities facilitated by the Committee's Chairperson and the Bureau, with support from the Secretariat.
- Promotion and facilitation of the participation of farmers and civil society organizations and the private sector, within the rules and regulations of the Organization.
- Promotion of the visibility of the CCP, including through making its recommendations and work more accessible to the global follow-up and review processes.

15. The Committee shall have the following standing items on its future agendas:

- Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Timetable
- Designation of the Drafting Committee
- Commodity market situation and outlook: short- and medium-terms
- Update on WTO agricultural negotiations and Regional Trade Agreements
- Reports of the Intergovernmental Groups (IGGs) on commodities
- FAO's programme of work in commodity markets and trade
- Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW)
- Election of the new Bureau Members
- Arrangements for the next Session of the Committee
- Adoption of the Report

16. Recommendations for specific issues for the agenda of the 73rd Session will be developed by the Bureau, in consultation with regional groups, with due consideration of relevant decisions by the other FAO Governing Bodies as well as developments in relevant international and regional processes and instruments related to food and agricultural commodities and trade.