

## 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture

### **Item 3.1: Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors**

#### **Introductory notes**

As mandated by the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Conference (June 2019),<sup>1</sup> the FAO Council, at its 163<sup>rd</sup> Session in December 2019, adopted the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors (Strategy).<sup>2</sup> The Strategy requires FAO to “develop an action plan, including a timetable, to operationalize the Strategy, for consideration by the FAO Technical Committees and approval by the Council.”<sup>3</sup>

The Programme Committee, at its 128<sup>th</sup> Session in June 2020, reviewed a first draft of the Action Plan<sup>4</sup> and provided detailed comments.<sup>5</sup> The Council, at its 164<sup>th</sup> Session in July 2020, appreciated the progress made in the implementation of the Strategy, highlighted the need for the draft Action Plan to be reviewed by the relevant Technical Committees and recommended that the implementation period of the Action Plan be extended to three years.<sup>6</sup>

The document *Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors*<sup>7</sup> first provides information on the progress in FAO’s work on mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors covering the period since December 2018, when the 160<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council endorsed “the development by FAO of a strategy on biodiversity mainstreaming across agricultural sectors”.<sup>8</sup> It then continues providing information on the development of the draft Action Plan, with key actions clustered around core action areas of the Strategy and aligned with the core functions of FAO, and monitoring and reporting being aligned with the Programme of Work and Budget. The document contains the ‘Draft 2021-2023 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors’, as revised in the light of guidance provided by the Council at its 164<sup>th</sup> Session in July 2020. The draft Action Plan, which spans the period 2021 to 2023 proposes key actions to operationalize the Strategy, specific deliverables, targets and indicators to monitor the implementation of the Strategy.

The Committee is invited to:

- Take note of the progress made in the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors.
- Review the draft 2021-23 Action Plan for the Implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors as set out in *Appendix I* to the document.
- Recommend that its comments and inputs be taken into consideration in the finalization of the Action Plan.

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<sup>1</sup> C 2019/REP, paragraph 48 b)

<sup>2</sup> CL 163/REP, paragraph 10 g)

<sup>3</sup> CL 163/11 Rev.1, section IV

<sup>4</sup> PC 128/9

<sup>5</sup> CL 164/6 Rev.1, paragraph 14

<sup>6</sup> CL 164/REP, paragraph 18 l).

<sup>7</sup> COAG/2020/16

<sup>8</sup> CL 160/REP, paragraph 60.