

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

### Item 4.2: Implementation of the recommendations of the 26th Session of the Committee

#### Introduction notes

The 26th Session of COAG reviewed and made a set of recommendations on programmatic, policy and regulatory matters within its competence.

Main topics discussed included:

- i Sustainable pathways to engage food and agriculture for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (ii) Sustainable food system;
- ii Agro-ecology: from advocacy to action;
- iii FAO's Work in the Food and Agriculture Sector under the Strategic Framework; (v) Revitalizing rural areas for youth;
- iv Report on the Global Soil Partnership (GSP);
- v The Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems;
- vi FAO's activities on livestock, including the proposal for a sub-committee on livestock;
- vii Fall Armyworm in Africa: status, potential impacts and global response;
- viii Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG);
- ix Biodiversity Mainstreaming Platform;
- x Report on Implementation of the Recommendations of the 25th Session of the Committee, including the outcome of the informal open-ended working group on food safety scientific advice programme;
- xi Multiyear Programme of Work of the Committee;
- xii Observance of the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, International Year of Fruits and Vegetables; and the International Year of Millets.

A summary report is provided to the 27<sup>th</sup> Session of COAG on the main achievements of FAO as a result of the implementation of the recommendations of the previous session of COAG, taking into consideration that COVID-19 related measures introduced as of March 2020 have had implications on the implementation of some activities.

It may be noted that further details on the implementation of the 26<sup>th</sup> COAG Session recommendations, are provided in dedicated discussion documents submitted to the 27<sup>th</sup> COAG Session, including the *'Proposal for the establishment of a COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock'* (COAG/2020/7); *'Progress report on the implementation of FAO Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2016-2020, and the proposal for a new FAO Action Plan on AMR 2021-2025'* (COAG/2020/8); *'Voluntary Code of Conduct for Food Loss and Waste Reduction'* (COAG/2020/13); *'Rural Youth Action Plan'* (COAG/2020/14); and the *'FAO Strategy on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors and Action plan'* (COAG/2020/16) as well as in relevant Information documents.

The Committee is invited to take note of the summary report and to provide any guidance it may find necessary for future reporting.

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