

168th Session of the Council
sub-item 8.1: Update on the development of the new FAO Strategy on Climate Change

At its 127th Session in November 2019, the Programme Committee commissioned an Evaluation of FAO's contribution to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13 on climate action, including an assessment of the implementation of FAO's Strategy on Climate Change, adopted in 2017. The Evaluation report - together with its Management Response - were presented for discussion to the 130th Programme Committee in March 2021 and to the 166th Council in April 2021.

A key recommendation (Recommendation 2) of the Evaluation report urges FAO to formulate a new Strategy on Climate Change to improve its contribution to SDG 13. The 166th Council requested regular updates to be provided to Governing Bodies and inclusive consultations ahead of the 168th Session of the Council to start the development of the new FAO Strategy on Climate Change. Based on this request, which was adopted by the Conference, an [update on the development of the new Strategy on Climate Change](#) is presented for consideration by the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee (8-12 November 2021), followed by the 168th Session of the Council. This introductory note will be updated, if needed, following the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee to reflect the guidance provided by its Members.

The new FAO Strategy on Climate Change currently under development will guide FAO in providing strengthened support to countries in their raised ambitions on climate action and achievements of their Nationally Determined Contributions. The Strategy will be prioritized by science, innovative solutions and inclusiveness, and aligned with the Agenda 2030 and FAO's Strategic Framework 2022-31.

FAO organized a first informal consultation with FAO Members on 8 September 2021 to respond to the Council's request for inclusive consultations. Building on the views of FAO Members and inputs of the established Review Task Force, the Council document CL 168/21 outlines the content and roadmap for the development of the new FAO Strategy on Climate Change. It presents an Annotated Outline with a suggested vision, guiding principles, three main pillars and related outcomes. The Council is invited to provide guidance on the Annotated Outline of the new Strategy at its 168th Session.

The final draft of the new Strategy on Climate Change will be submitted to the 169th Session of the Council in June 2022 for its consideration.

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