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Thirty-seventh Session

Quito, Ecuador, 28 March - 1 April 2022

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Senior Officers Meeting (28-29 March 2022)

- 1) Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons, and appointment of Rapporteur
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

I. Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory Matters

- 3) Regional results, priorities, the *four betters*, and the Sustainable Development Goals – Part I¹

The session presents and analyzes the main results achieved by FAO in Latin America and the Caribbean during the 2020-21 biennium and identifies priorities for the next biennium. The 36th Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (LARC 36) requested that the Organization focus its work in the region on the agrifood and nutrition sector, rural populations and sustainable development, while prioritizing strengthened gender approaches, the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and people of African descent, youth and resilience.

FAO addressed the recommendations of LARC 36, achieving significant results in: (i) supporting measures and investments aimed at creating sustainable and inclusive agrifood systems, with attention to increasing food supply and physical access to healthy diets, as well as facilitating economic access, information and consumption habits to achieve more nutritious diets; (ii) promoting economic growth and sustainable and resilient production accompanied by social inclusion policies to eradicate extreme poverty and end hunger in lagging territories, with emphasis on productive and economic inclusion and the creation of new opportunities in rural territories; and (iii) enhancing the sustainability and resilience to crises of agrifood systems, as well as producers, communities and land

¹ Document LARC/22/3 “Results for FAO in the Latin America and Caribbean region – 2020-21”.

and sea ecosystems. FAO also successfully supported Members in accessing financing to address environmental and climate change challenges in the rural sector.

II. Programme and Budget Matters

4) Regional results, priorities, the *four betters*, and the Sustainable Development Goals – Part II²

This session focuses on localizing the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31 in the specific conditions, needs and priorities of Members in the region for the 2022-23 biennium. The proposed priorities are informed by the aforementioned Strategic Framework 2022-31, the Medium Term Plan 2022-25 and the Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs) to support countries to achieve MORE efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, for *better production, better nutrition, a better environment* and a *better life*, leaving no one behind. The contribution of agrifood systems to the region's socio-economic recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is also a major concern.

The priorities are also related to the recommendations of LARC 36 on “Sustainable food systems to provide healthy diets for all”, “Hand-in-Hand towards prosperous and inclusive rural societies”, and “Sustainable and resilient agriculture”.

5) Update on the development of the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy

Update on the development of the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy, and presentation of its outline and roadmap.

6) Update on the development of the new FAO Strategy on Climate Change

Progress in the development of FAO's corporate strategy on climate change as key guiding elements for FAO's Programme of Work in the region presented for feedback by Members.

III. Other Matters

7) Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2022-2025 for the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean

8) Adoption of the Report of the Senior Officers Meeting

Ministerial Session (30 March – 1 April 2022)

9) Statement by the Director-General

10) Statement by the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council

11) Statement by the Chairperson of the 36th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean

12) Statement by the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

² Document LARC/22/2 “Priorities for FAO in the region under the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31”.

- 13) **Statement by the Spokesperson of the Civil Society Organizations**
- 14) **Statement by the Spokesperson of the Private Sector**
- 15) **Statement by the Spokesperson of the Parliamentary Fronts against Hunger**
- 16) **Statement by the Spokesperson of the Scientific and Academic Committee**

Thematic Sessions

Sharing national innovations for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life

The thematic sessions are proposed to allow Members to share their experiences and ongoing processes and innovations to show how the region is addressing the challenge of transforming agrifood systems, contextualized by the reality of each country and subregion. Although separated by *betters*, these sessions integrate innovative solutions that address the *four betters* in a cross-cutting manner.

17) Better production: Innovative small-scale family farming and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the agrifood sector

The session invites Members to present innovations (institutional, technological, social, operational, etc.) that have impacted family farmers' and SMEs' productivity and their participation in value chains and market access.

18) Better nutrition: Innovations for healthy diets for all

The session invites Members to present innovations (institutional, technological, social, operational, etc.) that have had impacts on increasing physical and economic access and the consumption of diverse, healthy and nutritious food, addressing the efficiency and inclusiveness of the food and agriculture supply chains.

19) Better environment: Innovations for agrifood systems that mitigate and are adapted to climate change

The session invites Members to present innovations (institutional, technological, social, operational, etc.) that have had impacts on adapting agrifood systems to climate change, on mitigating climate change and on building resilience of family farmers and SMEs to climate change.

20) Better life: Innovations to promote inclusive rural transformation and to reduce rural poverty and inequalities

Better life aims to promote inclusive rural transformation by reducing inequalities (urban/rural areas, rich/poor countries, men/women). The session invites Members to present innovations (institutional, technological, social, operational, etc.) that have had impacts on reducing rural poverty, inequality or increasing economic opportunity for rural people and their organizations and/or enterprises.

21) Summary of the recommendations of the Regional Commissions

The conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Commissions in Latin America and the Caribbean will be assessed with regards to (i) policy and regulatory matters, and (ii) programme and budgetary matters. The Regional Commissions include the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission (LACFC), the Commission on Livestock Development for Latin America and the Caribbean (CLDLAC), the Commission for Small-scale and Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture of

Latin America and the Caribbean (COPPEAALC) and the FAO-OEA/CIE-IICA Working Group on Agricultural and Livestock Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Other Matters

- 22) **Any other matters**
- 23) **Date and place of the 38th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean**

Closure of the Regional Conference

24) Adoption of the Report of the Regional Conference

The draft report of the Regional Conference will be reviewed, discussed and subsequently adopted. The discussion will encompass:

- I. Regional and global policy and regulatory matters
- II. Programme and budget matters
- III. Other matters

The report will be introduced by the Rapporteur.