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Item 3.7: Action Plan for the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change 2022-2031

In November 2019, at its 127th session, the Programme Committee commissioned an Evaluation of FAO's Support to Climate Action (SDG 13) and the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change (2017). The evaluation report – together with its management response – were presented at the 130th session of the Programme Committee in March 2021 and at the 166th Council in April 2021. Recommendation two of the evaluation report urged FAO to formulate a new Climate Change Strategy to improve its contribution to SDG13. FAO developed the new Strategy on Climate Change (SCC) 2022-31 through an inclusive and consultative process, engaging FAO Members and experts at headquarters and Decentralized Offices, and external partners. Following extensive consultations with FAO Members and review by the Regional Conferences, the final draft Strategy on Climate Change 2022-31 was put forward for consideration by the 133rd Programme Committee in May 2022 and endorsed by the 170th Session of the FAO Council in June 2022. In its conclusions, the Council highlighted the importance of mobilizing additional resources and developing an action plan for its effective implementation.

The COAG/2022/20/Rev1 document presents initial elements of the Action Plan for the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change, for comments and inputs by COAG Members. The Action Plan 2022-2025 will be a living document to operationalize the delivery of the Strategy in support of FAO and FAO Members' climate action. It should build on the three pillars of the Strategy – international and regional, country and local levels – and should reflect sectoral and regional needs, priorities and initiatives for climate action in the agrifood systems.

In order to track and report on progress achieved under the Strategy on Climate Change, the Action Plan will comprise outcomes, outputs, indicators, targets, timelines and responsibilities. The COAG/2022/20/Rev1 document presents the outcomes as described in the Strategy and proposes outputs, based on the areas of action defined in the Strategy under its pillars and expected outcomes. It also highlights the connection of each proposed output to corresponding SDG targets, FAO Programme Priority Areas and FAO Core Functions.

The Committee is invited to:

- *review and provide* guidance on the draft Action Plan related outputs for the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change from an agrifood systems' perspective.

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