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# COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

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## MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPOW)

### Executive Summary

This document provides a report on the CCP Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) since the 74th Session of the Committee, held in March 2021, and presents the draft MYPOW for the period 2022-24. The development of multi-year programmes of work by FAO's Governing Bodies is meant to serve as an instrument to improve the governance and accountability of their work.

The document is prepared as a rolling plan, presenting the method of work of the Committee and it follows the format considered and approved by the CCP in 2012.

### Suggested action by the Committee

The Committee is invited to note the information presented in the document and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.

The Committee is also invited to approve the draft MYPOW 2022-24, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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## I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 74th Session in March 2021, the Committee received a progress report on the implementation of the Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2018-21, and approved the draft MYPOW for the period 2021-23.
2. As with previous versions, the new draft MYPOW for the period 2022-24 was developed based on the terms of reference of the Committee, as outlined in Rule XXIX of the General Rules of the Organization.

## II. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE MYPOW SINCE MARCH 2021

3. In line with the approved MYPOW 2021-23, regular meetings of the CCP Bureau and other related activities were organized by the Chairperson and the Bureau members, with the support of the secretariat.
4. As of early June 2022, a total of seven Bureau meetings were held since the last Session of the CCP to address relevant matters and prepare for the 75th Session of the Committee.
5. The Bureau has contributed to improving the governance of the Committee by facilitating consultations with the Regional Groups, through the regional representatives in the Bureau. This has proved useful for the work of the CCP and for the preparation of the provisional agenda of the 75th Session of the Committee.

### A. Strategy, priority setting and budget planning

6. The 73rd (Extraordinary) Session of the Committee was devoted to the Vision and Strategy for FAO's work in Nutrition, and its report was adopted by the Committee on 19 February 2021.
7. The 74th Session of the Committee, held from 10 to 12 March 2021, reviewed the state of world commodity markets, the short- and medium-term outlook, and relevant policy developments. Moreover, the Committee discussed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on agricultural markets and trade and FAO's response to the pandemic, deliberated on the findings of the 2020 edition of *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO)* on the theme of "Agricultural Markets and Sustainable Development: Global value chains, smallholder farmers and digital innovations", and provided guidance on FAO's work priorities under its mandate. The Committee's recommendations have contributed to setting the work priorities and developing the Organization's work programme in commodity markets and trade in the Strategic Framework 2022-31 and Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2022-25. The report of the 74th Session of the Committee was adopted on 12 March 2021.
8. The reports of the 73rd (Extraordinary) and 74th Sessions of the CCP were endorsed by the Council at its 166th Session in April 2021.

### B. Global policy and regulatory matters

9. The reports of the 73rd (Extraordinary) and the 74th Sessions of the Committee were subsequently considered and endorsed by the Conference at its 42nd Session in June 2021.
10. On 21 May 2021, the secretariat organized the celebration of the second observance of the International Tea Day through a high-level virtual event that brought together the world's top tea producing and trading countries and other stakeholders. The Director-General of FAO provided a keynote address for the event.
11. On 24 September 2021, the secretariat organized a side event at the WTO Committee on Agriculture to present a report on public food stockholding that provided a review of relevant policies and practices, their possible market impacts and the main elements of the relevant WTO negotiations.

12. On 6 October 2021, the secretariat made a presentation to the Members of the United Nations General Assembly on the market trends and policy developments affecting natural fibres.
13. On 15 October 2021, as part of the celebration of the World Food Day 2021, the secretariat organized a Dialogue on Tea and Coffee. The event presented a nice platform to explore the cultural, social, economic and environmental significance of tea and coffee and discuss solutions to overcome the sustainability issues associated with the production of both beverages. The FAO Director-General delivered the opening remarks. The event received wide media coverage.
14. On 25 October 2021, the CCP Chairperson and Secretary participated in an informal joint brainstorming meeting of the Technical Committees, organized by DDG Bechdol and DDG Semedo. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss key activities and priorities identified for the 2022 Sessions of the Technical Committees and possible ways of collaboration.
15. On 3 February 2022, a meeting was organised between the CCP Chairperson and Secretary and the Independent Chair of Council (ICC) to discuss ways to improve the efficiency in the use of time and effectiveness of the Committee's work.
16. On 25 March 2022, the CCP Chairperson participated and delivered a statement at the Technical Briefing to FAO Members on "The Impact of COVID-19 and the War in Ukraine on the Outlook for Food Security and Nutrition".
17. On 31 March 2022, the CCP Secretary participated a United Nations General Assembly Interactive Dialogue on Commodity Markets, organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and delivered a presentation on "Agricultural commodity market trends and prospects in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic".
18. At the request of the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the CCP Bureau and secretariat prepared and submitted the Committee's inputs to the High-level Political Platform on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in 2021 and 2022.

### **C. Work planning and working methods**

19. CCP Report: the documents and the quality of the deliberations of the 73rd (Extraordinary) and 74th Sessions of the Committee enabled the preparation and adoption of concise reports, focusing on specific action-oriented recommendations, for presentation to the FAO Council and Conference.
20. During its 74th Session, the Committee received a progress report on the MYPOW 2018-21 and endorsed the MYPOW for the period 2021-23.
21. The CCP Bureau, and particularly the Chairperson, has maintained regular and constant contact with the secretariat, located in the Markets and Trade Division (EST).
22. The draft provisional agenda of the 75th Session of the CCP was prepared through close consultation between the Bureau and the secretariat and was subsequently approved by the Director-General. The regional representation in the Bureau has facilitated interaction and consultation with the Regional Groups.
23. Similarly, the Bureau members contributed substantially to the preparation of the CCP inputs to the HLPF in 2021 and 2022 and facilitated the consultation with the Regional Groups.
24. The Bureau was also constantly kept updated by FAO's work under the mandate of the CCP. More specifically, the topic of the 2022 edition of The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO) was discussed and agreed with the Bureau members, who were kept duly informed about the preparation of the report.

## ANNEX

### MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPOW) 2022-24 OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

#### I. Objectives of the Committee on Commodity Problems

1. As outlined in Rule XXIX.6 of the General Rules of the Organization, the Committee shall:
  - a) keep under review commodity problems of an international character affecting production, trade, distribution, consumption and related economic matters;
  - b) prepare a factual and interpretative survey of the world commodity situation, which may be made available directly to Member Nations;
  - c) report and submit suggestions to the Council on policy issues arising out of its deliberations. The reports of the Committee and its subsidiary bodies shall be made available to Member Nations for their information.
2. The Committee reports to FAO Council and Conference, as appropriate, on relevant matters under its competence.

#### II. Results for 2022-24

##### A. Strategy, priority setting and budget planning

3. Result:

The Organization has a clear strategy, well-defined priorities, and relevant programmes and budget for the issues under the competence of the Committee.

4. Indicators and targets:

- World commodity market situation and outlook, policy developments, and work priorities in commodity markets and trade reviewed and discussed by the Committee.
- The flagship report *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets* (SOCO) discussed by the Committee.
- The guidance and recommendations on work priorities are taken into account Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2022-25 and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2022-23.

5. Output:

Reports of the Committee and clear and consensual recommendations based on updated information and evidence are presented to the Council, providing a solid basis for guidance and decision.

6. Activities:

- Review the current situation and developments in its areas of mandate, including issues of topical significance to the international community.
- Review decisions and recommendations from other global and regional fora relevant to commodities and trade and their implications for Members and FAO.
- Review decisions and recommendations from other FAO governing and statutory bodies and sub-committees.
- Formulate clear, consensual and actionable recommendations in commodity markets and trade for setting work priorities, strategies, programmes and budget under the Strategic Framework.

## **B. Advice on global policy and regulatory matters**

### 7. Result:

The Committee's decisions and recommendations provide a solid basis to inform the decisions and recommendations taken by the Conference on global policy and regulatory matters.

### 8. Indicators and targets:

- Members obtain value from the deliberations of the Committee, using the resulting advice and recommendations to guide actions and policies.
- Clear and specific recommendations made by the Committee to the Conference regarding global policy and regulatory matters in its areas of mandate.
- The Committee's recommendations made on global policy and regulatory matters are reflected in the Report of the Conference.

### 9. Output:

The reports of the Committee with clear and consensual recommendations for FAO Conference on policy and regulatory frameworks or instruments.

### 10. Activities:

- Report to Conference on global policy and regulatory issues arising out of the Committee's deliberations.
- Review the status of relevant international agreements, instruments and processes in the areas of competence of the Committee.
- Address new and emerging issues and recommend possible policy and action options for Members, FAO and other relevant stakeholders.
- Organize events, as appropriate, in the areas of the Committee's competence.

## **III. Effective work planning of CCP**

### 11. Result:

The Committee works efficiently and effectively, in an action-oriented and inclusive way.

### 12. Indicators and targets:

- Agendas are prepared in close consultation with the Regional Groups and are focused and responsive to emerging needs.
- Documents are made available in all FAO languages as early as possible before the sessions.
- Sessions are conducted in an efficient and effective manner.
- Reports of the sessions are concise, contain action-oriented recommendations and are made available to Members, Council and Conference in a timely manner.
- Inter-sessional activities led and organized by the CCP Bureau on issues of topical and emerging importance within the mandate of the Committee.

### 13. Outputs:

- Focused agendas and concise reports containing specific action-oriented recommendations to both the Council and the Conference.
- Reports published electronically soon after conclusion of the sessions.
- Progress report on current MYPOW and draft new MYPOW approved by the Members.

14. Activities:

- Formulate focussed agendas in close consultation with the Regional Groups.
- Prepare documents of the sessions that are concise and informative and make them available in a timely manner.
- Organize side events to the sessions, in consultation with the Members as appropriate.

#### **IV. Working methods**

15. The work of the Committee is based on regular review and analysis of global trends and developments in agricultural commodity markets, trade policy and related issues within the areas of its competence. It operates based on the following working methods:

- Regular contacts and consultation with the CCP secretariat located in the Markets and Trade Division (EST).
- Collaboration with FAO Governing Bodies and relevant statutory bodies under FAO auspices.
- Liaison with the Programme Committee on strategy and priority matters and with the Finance Committee on financial and budgetary matters, as required.
- Interaction with other global fora active in areas of relevance to the Committee, including through the participation of Bureau members and secretariat in relevant meetings and events.
- Regular inter-sessional activities facilitated by the Committee's Chairperson and the Bureau, as needed, with support from the secretariat.
- Promotion and facilitation of the participation of farmers and civil society organizations and the private sector, within the rules and regulations of the Organization.

16. The Committee shall have the following standing items in its sessions:

- Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Timetable
- Designation of the Drafting Committee
- World commodity market situation and outlook: short- and medium-terms
- The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO)
- Update on WTO agricultural negotiations and Regional Trade Agreements
- Reports of the Intergovernmental Groups (IGGs)
- FAO's programme of work in commodity markets and trade
- Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW)
- Election of the new Bureau Members
- Arrangements for the next Session of the Committee
- Adoption of the Report

17. Specific issues for the agenda of the 76th Session will be identified by the CCP Bureau, in consultation with Regional Groups and the Secretariat, with due consideration of relevant decisions by other FAO Governing Bodies, as well as developments in relevant international and regional processes related to food and agricultural commodity markets and trade.