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Item 13: Update on FAO's collaboration with other UN system entities

This report focuses on the collaborative efforts between the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations (UN) system, including the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs), to drive the transformation of agrifood systems and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The report highlights key global, regional, and country level mechanisms and modalities guiding the Organization in the implementation of more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, as outlined in the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31.

FAO's partnerships with other UN agencies, funds and programmes have proven effective in consolidating expertise, devising innovative strategies, and mobilizing resources for transformative outcomes. These partnerships are built on shared strengths and a shared vision, enabling FAO to translate its aspiration of the *four betters* into tangible results. Within this context, the report underscores the critical role played by the RBAs in achieving FAO's strategic objectives and the SDGs, in particular SDG 2, Zero Hunger. It then takes a broader perspective, offering insight into the significance of FAO's partnerships across the UN system and their role in reshaping agrifood systems to achieve the SDGs.

This report underscores the tangible outcomes achieved through FAO's strategic positioning within the UN system, advocating for agrifood system transformation as a central element of the UN's development agenda. This includes supporting strategic initiatives such as the Global Crisis Response Group and the Global Food Import Financing Facility, with the aim of improving responses to food security challenges, fostering resilience and sustainable development.

At the regional level, FAO's leadership in Issue-Based Coalitions has been instrumental in providing regional public goods, including knowledge products, data, tools and policy recommendations to address regional challenges.

Additionally, the report highlights FAO's efforts in establishing country-driven partnerships with various specialized UN agencies, funds and programmes. This strategic interconnectivity ensures that FAO's global expertise and resources integrate seamlessly with UN Resident Coordinators and Country Teams' efforts to address critical development challenges, including through SDG acceleration, policy integration and development financing. FAO actively participates in 130 UN Country Teams (UNCTs) and has supported the development of 87 United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCFs).

As an initial effort, this report documents FAO's commitment to sustainable agrifood systems and the SDGs. It offers a comprehensive overview of FAO's current UN partnerships, setting the stage for a series of forthcoming updates to be presented to FAO Governing Bodies. These updates will continue to document FAO's unwavering commitment to partnering with the RBAs and the broader UN system in their shared pursuit of transforming agrifood systems to fulfil the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and realize the SDGs.

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