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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Twenty-second Session

Rome, 16-19 June 2010

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Wednesday 16 June 2010 – RED ROOM, Building A, 1st Floor

14.30 Item 2 – Adoption of Agenda and Timetable for the Session
(COAG/2010/1; COAG/2010/Inf. 1; COAG/2010/Inf.3)

Item 7 – Priorities and Results under the Medium Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (COAG/2010/2; COAG/2010/Inf.11)

Thursday 17 June 2010 – RED ROOM, Building A, 1st Floor

09.30 Item 3 – Sustainable Crop Production Intensification Through an Ecosystem Approach and an Enabling Environment: Capturing Efficiency Through Ecosystem Services and Management (COAG/2010/3)

14.30 Item 5 – Guidance of the Livestock Sector – Issues and Options (COAG/2010/5)

Friday 18 June 2010 – RED ROOM, Building A, 1st Floor

09.30 Item 4 – Soil for Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (COAG/2010/4)

14.30 Item 6 – Policies and Institutions to Support Smallholder Agriculture (COAG/2010/6)

- Item 8 – Other Matters
 8.1 Proposals for Agenda Items for the Next Session
 8.2 Any Other Matters
 8.3 Date and Place of Next Session

Item 1 – Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

Meeting of the Drafting Committee – LEBANON ROOM, D 209
(immediately after Plenary)

Saturday 19 June 2010 – RED ROOM, Building A, 1st Floor

14.00 Item 9 – Adoption of the Report

Side Events

Date/Time	Room	Title
16 June 12.00	Iran Room, B016	Dialogue on Livestock, Food Security and Sustainability
17 June 12.30	Iran Room, B016	Sustainable Agriculture, Nuclear Applications and Food Security

AGENDA NOTES

Item 1 – Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

In accordance with current Rule 1.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, at the first session in each biennium, the Committee shall elect a Chairperson, a first Vice-Chairperson and a second Vice-Chairperson from among the representatives of its Members, who shall remain in office until the election of a new Chairperson and new Vice-Chairpersons.

Item 2 – Adoption of Agenda and Timetable for the Session (COAG/2010/1; COAG/2010/Inf.1; COAG/2010/Inf. 3)

In accordance with Rule IV.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, the Committee in session may by general consent amend the agenda by the deletion, addition or modification of any item, provided that no matter referred to it by the Council or on request of the Conference be omitted from the agenda.

Item 3 – Sustainable Crop Production Intensification Through an Ecosystem Approach and an Enabling Environment: Capturing Efficiency Through Ecosystem Services and Management (COAG/2010/3)

Within the overall context of FAO's Strategic Objective A "Sustainable Intensification of Crop Production", this document focuses on intensifying production through the ecosystem approach and identifying the characteristics of an appropriate enabling environment to support and reinforce initiatives taken, such as adequate policies, legislation, international support, economic development, availability of best knowledge, etc.

The paper underlines the importance of ecosystem services and identifies some of the opportunities to improve efficiency in resource use through managing biological processes. It concludes by setting out goals, outcome and outputs for a programme by which FAO can assist its member countries in implementing sustainable crop production intensification programmes and requests the Committee's guidance on the development of a long-term strategy.

Item 4 - Soil for Food Security and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation (COAG/2010/4)

FAO is playing a major role in advancing knowledge on soil resources and the dissemination of technologies and approaches for sustainable soil and land management in a range of ecosystems and socioeconomic contexts. However, soil science and expertise both in FAO and partner organizations and in many countries' agriculture and environment sectors, have been gradually eroded and there has been reduced investment in this vital area over the last decades. There is a need to give renewed attention to soils in order to address today's critical food security and climate change agendas.

The paper proposes the ways and means to maintain and restore FAO's role as a centre of excellence on soil for food security and to continue to provide support to member countries in addressing agricultural growth, providing various ecosystem services and adapting to and mitigating climate change.

Item 5 – Guidance of the Livestock Sector – Issues and Options (COAG/2010/5)

Within FAO's Strategic Framework Strategic Objective B "Increased sustainable livestock production" proposes as primary tool under Organizational Result B4 (Policy and practices for guiding the livestock sector are based on timely and reliable information) the assembling of information on a suggested COAG-led design and negotiation of a livestock sector relevant framework agreement.

The document presents the information requested by the 136th Session of the FAO Council in this respect and outlines the status and main trends of the livestock sector. It builds on the 2009 FAO *State of Food and Agriculture: Livestock in the balance* that provides a comprehensive assessment of the current trends and anticipated developments of the livestock sector. Against this background, the document reviews current international instruments relevant to the sector. It also submits to the consideration of the Committee a process through which COAG may address the issues identified and respond to the request of FAO's governing bodies to improve prioritization, monitoring, reporting and review within the results-based programme management as envisaged in FAO's Medium Term Plan 2010-13.

Item 6 – Policies and Institutions to Support Smallholder Agriculture (COAG/2010/6)

The document addresses a number of issues related to the future of smallholders and discusses policy options and interventions to facilitate their integration into agricultural market systems. It examines the characteristics and importance of small-scale agriculture in developing country economies, as well as its evolution along development. The document describes the difficulties smallholders face in integrating into markets that call for improved marketing skills, ability to coordinate and adopt modern technology and other attributes which characterize larger-scale agriculture. Different policy approaches and interventions are discussed which aim to facilitate smallholders' participation in market systems, as well as measures which smooth the progress of transition, either to a larger scale or to other sectors of the economy. In its final section the document highlights actions that are being planned and taken by FAO to enhance smallholder market participation and assess transition patterns and strategies.

Item 7 – Priorities and Results under the Medium Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13 (COAG/2010/2)

The Committee is mandated to advise the Council on the overall medium- and longer-term programme of work of the Organization, and to review the biennial programmes of work and their implementation, relating to agriculture, livestock, food, nutrition and natural resource

management, with an emphasis on the integration of all social, technical, economic, institutional and structural aspects in relation to agricultural and rural development in general.

Effective from 2010, the Conference has approved a new results-based Strategic Framework and cycle of Governing Body decision making on programmes of work. It has further decided that emphasis be given to prioritization of the technical work of the Organization in the first full cycle of results-based planning in 2010-11. In line with this new approach, the Committee will review and advise the Council on priorities to be addressed through the results frameworks under the strategic objectives, for use in preparing the Medium Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget 2012-13.

Item 8 – Other Matters

8.1 The Committee may wish to propose issues to be discussed at the next Session.

8.2 The Committee may wish to raise any issue related to the information documents submitted to its current session (COAG/2010/Inf. 2)

8.3 According to Rule II paragraph 3. of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, Sessions of the Committee shall normally be held once in each biennium.

Item 9 – Adoption of the Report

The Committee will consider the draft report for adoption. The report of the 22nd Session will be submitted to the FAO Council at its 140th Session (29 November to 3 December 2010) and 37th Session of the FAO Conference (25 June to 2 July 2011).