



## THIRTY-FIRST FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Panama City, Panama, 26 to 30 April 2010

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Technical Committee

26 to 27 April 2010

#### I. Introductory Items

1. **Opening of the Technical Committee Meeting**
2. **Election of the Technical Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and Appointment of the Rapporteur**
3. **Adoption of the Technical Committee Agenda and Timetable**

#### II. Technical Items

4. **Global and regional emergency issues: Risk management and reactions to emergencies in the agricultural, forestry and fisheries sectors in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Animal production systems in the countries of the Region face serious challenges as a result of globalization, climate change and increased food demand. FAO has therefore developed mechanisms to prevent emergencies and to address animal health issues. It has supported the strengthening of local efforts to develop information systems and early detection, vulnerability studies, attention and early response to natural disasters, analysis and management of biological and agro-climatic risk, including mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, rehabilitation of degraded areas and implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources.

Document LARC/10/INF/15 Promoting synergies and collaboration between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Commission on Genetic Resources of FAO and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) will also be discussed.

**5. Climate change and its impact on agricultural, forestry and fisheries production in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The related document deals with key aspects relating to the present and future impact of climate change on agricultural and livestock production in Latin America and the Caribbean. It examines vulnerable production systems and measures of adaptation, prevention and mitigation of climate change. It includes proposals for policies and underlines the need to strengthen local production systems so that they can deal with agro-climatic risk and extreme events.

**6. Rural territorial development and its institutional implications in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Based on the recommendations of the **International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD)**, the related document reviews the package of policies and initiatives that countries are adopting in relation to rural territorial development. It also looks at the support given by international cooperation agencies and the reinforcement mechanisms adopted by FAO.

This item also covers aspects related to family farming (LARC/10/INF/14).

**7. Report on Codex Alimentarius and food safety in the Region**

The related document analyzes the attendance of Latin American and Caribbean countries at Codex meetings and their participation in discussions of Codex Committees and the Codex Alimentarius Commission. It summarizes FAO's regional activities on food safety aimed at developing technical know-how so that the Region's countries are better able to participate in the standard-setting process and to implement those standards.

**8. Meetings of the Caribbean, Central American and South American subregional groups**

In follow-up to a request by Delegations at the 25<sup>h</sup> Regional Conference, members are given the opportunity to hold multilateral, regional or subregional meetings to discuss topical issues of common interest.

In order to facilitate subregional group discussions, documents LARC/10/INF/11, LARC/10/INF/12 and LARC/10/INF/13 analyze the agricultural, livestock, forestry and fisheries subsectors and the poverty and food safety issues of each subregion and identify the main challenges and priorities for FAO medium-term technical assistance for the Caribbean, Central America and South America respectively. Delegations are also given the opportunity to hold discussions on priority action areas in the subregions for 2012-2013, which will serve to update the FAO Medium Term Plan and to prepare its Programme of Work and Budget for 2012-2013.

### **III. Conclusion**

**9. Adoption of the Technical Committee Report**

**10. Closure of the Technical Committee Meeting**

## **Plenary Session**

**28 to 30 April 2010**

### **I. Introductory Items**

- 1. Inaugural Ceremony**
- 2. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons and Appointment of the Rapporteur**
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable**

### **II. Standing Items**

- 4. Statement of the Director-General**
- 5. Statement of the Independent Chairman of the FAO Council**
- 6. Matters arising from the World Summit on Food Security and the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference, notably implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA), including the decentralized offices network**

This item examines the reform of the Organization resulting from the deliberations of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference (Rome, 18-23 November 2009) and its implications for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region. It examines the implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal (IPA) and provides a medium- to long-term vision of the structure and functioning of the decentralized offices network. It also presents the results of the World Summit on Food Security held in Rome on 16, 17 and 18 November 2009.

- 7. Reform of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)**

Wide-ranging reforms were unanimously agreed by members of the CFS in October 2009, and approved by the Conference of FAO in November 2009. They were endorsed by the Heads of State and Government meeting at the World Summit on Food Security, who committed to “*fully implement the reform of the CFS*” as one of the four strategic objectives of the Summit. This item presents this reform which aims to make the CFS the foremost comprehensive international and intergovernmental platform for food security and nutrition, and provides an opportunity to discuss how a renewed CFS could be effectively linked to national structures.

- 8. Report on FAO activities (2008-2009) in the Region and actions taken on the main recommendations of the 30<sup>th</sup> FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean**

This item presents the principal measures and actions taken to implement the recommendations of the 30<sup>th</sup> FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brazil from 14 to 18 April 2008.

- 9. Implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11 and priority action areas for the Region in the following biennium**

Implementation of the Programme of Work and Budget 2010-11 is examined and a summary of priority actions areas for the Region and the concept of the Medium-Term Priority Framework is presented.

#### **10. Establishment of one global Shared Services Centre**

This item examines the initiative to establish one global Shared Services Centre by consolidating the **Bangkok** and **Santiago** hubs with the **Budapest** hub for added efficiency and reduced costs.

### **III. Discussion Item**

#### **11. Food and nutritional security: The Human Right to Food**

The document for this agenda item shows how the Region is impacted by a food crisis that has affected the progress achieved in reducing poverty and malnutrition between 2002 and 2007. Policy changes and actions are recommended to deal with the new challenges that are arising from the crisis and to achieve the goals of the Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean by 2025 Initiative.

This item also considers document LARC/10/INF/10 “Follow-up to the Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative (HFLAC)” which reports on the III Working Group 2025 Meeting (Buenos Aires, October 2008), the GCP/RLA/160/SPA project, RLC activities of support to the HFLAC since the 30<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference (especially the Parliamentary Front against Hunger), progress made regarding the Right to Food and actions to promote South-South cooperation and the Observatories.

Document LARC/10/INF/16 “The situation in Haiti and the process of reconstruction: guidelines for the implementation of projects with the contribution of the UN agencies based in Rome (FAO, IFAD, WFP)” will also be discussed.

### **IV. Information Items**

#### **12. Reports of the Regional Commissions: Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission (LACFC), Commission on Livestock Development for Latin America and the Caribbean (CODEGALAC), Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC) and the Commission for Inland Fisheries of Latin America (COPESCAL)**

The 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference (Rome, November 1997) urged regional bodies established under Article VI of the FAO Constitution to search for extrabudgetary resources and recommended a series of measures to expedite work and increase efficiency. To facilitate analysis of this issue, documents LARC/10/INF/5, LARC/10/INF/6, LARC/10/INF/7 and LARC/10/INF/8 report the background, main achievements and recommendations of the last sessions of the above Commissions. The Regional Conference is invited to examine the measures suggested, together with any others that may be proposed, to strengthen the role of these Regional Commissions.

#### **13. Presentation of reports and proposals for the Caribbean, Central American and South American subregions**

The conclusions and recommendations of each of the subregional groups formed will be considered along with documents LARC/10/INF/11, LARC/10/INF/12 and LARC/10/INF/13.

### **V. Conclusion**

#### **14. Date, place and agenda of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Memorandum of Responsibilities will be forwarded to Member Nations expressing an interest in hosting the next session of the Regional Conference.

#### **15. Other matters**

#### **16. Adoption of the Report (including the Technical Committee Report)**