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THIRTY-SECOND FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 26 to 30 March 2012

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

(A) SENIOR OFFICERS MEETING

26–28 March 2012

I. Introductory Items

1. Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson/s and Appointment of the Rapporteur/s
2. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

II. Global and Regional Policy and Regulatory Matters

7. Food and nutrition security: impacts, implications and opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean, including Committee on World Food Security (CFS) consultations on mapping food security and nutrition actions and the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition

The document's objective will be to contribute towards highlighting those policy issues and global and regional regulations through which FAO can provide technical cooperation to the countries of the Region during the forthcoming biennium. These issues are particularly related to opportunities and threats deriving from the level and excessive volatility of food prices in the Region.

In order to achieve this, emphasis will be placed on the important contribution the Region can make towards production and world food trade, leading to a more active participation in directing the world food system. The new level of prices and the volatility of food which is expected over the forthcoming years are mainly due to: the growing demand for food derived from the policy promotion of bio-combustibles in developed countries, to the effects of climatic change and the operation of main future food commodity markets (maize, sorghum and wheat). This is an additional challenge in the fight against hunger. Even though these prices represent an opportunity for food exporting countries and producers, through an increase in inflation, they are a threat to food access for all the consumers of the Region, mainly the poorest and those most vulnerable to food insecurity.

In view of the main, global, regional and local challenges which food and nutritional security will have to face, the document will contribute towards highlighting the potential of FAO's technical cooperation in policy issues and regulations over the forthcoming years. Emphasis is placed on the

existing potential and the role which FAO can play in facilitating South-South cooperation amongst the countries of the Region.

As requested by the 37th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the consultations to be held with the Regional Conferences to enable regional stakeholders to engage in two major initiatives - the process to map food security and nutrition actions and the preparation of the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition.

8. Adaptation and mitigation to climate change to reduce the vulnerability of populations and agriculture, livestock, fisheries and forestry sectors

The document presents an integrated, cross-cutting approach that has been adopted to address the multiple dimensions of efforts to reduce climate change vulnerability of populations, fisheries, agriculture, livestock and forestry production in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is one of the four priorities established by the 31st Regional Conference. The document also makes recommendations for strategies to strengthen and improve the effectiveness of FAO at the regional level in support of policies, programs and decision-making with a focus on integrating the various factors and variables that affect food security and sustainability of rural development in the region.

III. Programme and Budget Matters

9. FAO Activities in the Region in 2010-11, Programme of Work and Budget 2012 - 2013 and Areas of Priority Actions for Latin America and the Caribbean for the Following Biennium (2014-15), taking into account the Summary of the Recommendations of Regional Technical Commissions

This item of the Agenda will report on FAO activities in the Region in 2010-11 and actions taken on the recommendations of the previous Regional Conference; brief Member nations on the implementation of the FAO Programme of Work and Budget in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region during 2012-2013, including the Regional Results to be achieved; and provide the opportunity to debate the main areas of priority action in the Region for 2014-15. The debate will be informed by the conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Commissions and other relevant regional meetings in Latin America and the Caribbean. The subregional groups (Caribbean, Mesoamerica and South America) will have the opportunity to discuss the main priority areas for each subregion.

10. Decentralization issues. FAO Renewal - Transition to a more dynamic approach in 2012

Under this item FAO's country coverage in the Region will be reviewed, with a view to enhancing the Organization's effectiveness and efficiency at country level and making recommendations to the Council in 2012 on the most suitable structure and skills mix of the decentralized offices network in the Latin America and Caribbean region.

The report FAO Renewal – Transition to a More Dynamic Approach in 2012, describes the new direction for FAO renewal, focusing on realization of benefits, acceleration of IPA actions in 2012, and a mainstreaming of the renewal into the work programme of the Organization. Regional Conferences are invited to provide observations on issues specific to each region. These are an essential feedback for successful completion of the renewal process, and will be used to inform management decisions on the way forward.

IV. Other Matters

11. Multi-year Programme of Work 2012-15 for the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal (IPA) and the reform measures to improve the effectiveness and governance of FAO envisages the preparation of the Multi Year Programme of Work for the Regional Conferences. The multiyear programme of work (MYPow) is a mechanism for enhancing the role of the Regional Conferences in the governance and decision-making process of FAO, focusing on procedures, activities, working methods, indicators and targets as a governing body.

12. Date and place of the 33rd Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean

13. Any other matters

INFORMATION NOTE:

Summary of the Recommendations of Regional Commissions in Latin America and the Caribbean

This summary reviews the conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Commissions and other relevant regional meetings in Latin America and the Caribbean with regard to (i) policy and regulatory matters and (ii) programme and budget matters and suggests ways of strengthening the advisory role of the Regional Commissions. The Regional Fora include: the Latin America and the Caribbean Forestry Commission (LAFC), the Commission on Livestock Development for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC), and the Commission for Inland Fisheries of Latin America (COPESCAALC).

- Preparation, discussion and adoption of a draft Report of the Regional Conference for consideration and adoption by the Ministerial Meeting

(B) MINISTERIAL MEETING

29-30 March 2012

3. Statement by the Director-General

4. Statement by the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council

5. Statement by the Chairperson of the 31st Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean

The statement of the Chairperson of the 31st LARC will provide a brief on the outcome of the deliberations of the 37th Session of the FAO Conference (Rome, 25 June – 2 July 2011) and the 140th FAO Council (29 November - 3 December 2010) on matters related to the Latin America and the Caribbean Region. The Chairperson will also provide an update on the Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA) for FAO Renewal.

6. Outcomes of the 37th Session of the Committee on World Food Security and update of the CFS reform

The report covers updates on global and regional initiatives and linkages with CFS as well as several policy round tables, also includes global coordination and support for national process such as mapping food security and nutrition actions at country level. A consultation on former subjects will be held at the Senior Officers Meeting under item 7.

➤ **Review and endorsement of the Report of the Conference**

The draft Report of the Regional Conference, prepared by the Technical Committee Meeting, will be reviewed, discussed and eventually endorsed. The discussion will cover:

I. Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory Matters

II. Programme and Budget Matters

III. Other Matters

The Report will be introduced by the Rapporteur.