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

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 26 to 30 March 2012

MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK 2012-15 FOR THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Executive Summary

- The overall objective of the MYPOW is to provide regional perspective on FAO's strategies and priorities, and formulates action-oriented recommendations on programme and budget of FAO's work in the region. It exercises oversight of the functions and activities of the FAO work in the region in accordance with the Basic Text of the Organization.

Suggested action by the Regional Conference

The Regional Conference is invited to review and to endorse the MYPOW 2012-15 with the following items:

- Priority setting, organizational structure and budget planning
- Monitoring of, and advice on policy and regulatory matters
- Work planning and working methods

Additionally, the Regional Conference is invited to deliberate on the resources necessary to carry out LARC MYPOW.

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I. OVERALL OBJECTIVES

1. The objectives reflect the enhanced role of Regional Conferences in the governance process of FAO. In particular, the Regional Conference reviews the situation in the Region regarding matters pertaining to the Organization's mandate, and provides advice and action-oriented recommendations to the FAO Conference on global policy and regulatory matters, and to the Council on matters pertaining to the priorities, programmes and budgets of the Organization.
2. In this context, the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (LARC) provides regional perspectives on FAO's strategies and priorities and formulates concrete recommendations on regional activities, also contributing to enhanced efficiency and effectiveness. It also conducts regional-level assessments, to feed into improved sustainability of agriculture and food security. It exercises oversight of the functions and activities of FAO in the region, in accordance with the Basic Texts of the Organization. It operates efficiently and effectively, collaborating where appropriate with relevant partner organizations.
3. The technical commissions of the LAC region review technical aspects and issues of importance in the areas of Forestry (LAFC), Livestock (CODEGALAC), and Fisheries (COPESCAALC and WECAFC). Their recommendations complement and inform the discussions during the LARC on the Regional Priority Framework.
4. Additionally, the Regional Office, in coordination with the Subregional Offices in the region, provide an important element of direct consultation with stakeholders of the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico, and South America on issues and priorities to be presented and discussed at the Regional Conference (LARC).

II. RESULTS

A. Priority setting, organizational structure and budget planning

5. **Result 1:** LARC recommendations and guidance on regional priorities, programmes, organizational structure and budgets of regional interest, as well as on the regional situation and issues pertaining to food security, agriculture and rural development, provide a sound basis for decision-making by the Council and the Conference.

6. Indicators and targets

- Clear and specific recommendations made in a timely manner by the Regional Conference to the Council through the Programme and Finance Committees regarding FAO's priorities, programmes, organizational structure and budgets of interest to the Region.
- Regional Conference recommendations relating to the Strategic Framework, the Regional Priority Framework, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) are reflected in the Council and Conference reports.
- Regional Conference guidance on regional issues receives due attention in the Council and Conference, as well as in other relevant bodies.

7. Outputs

- Clear, precise and consensual action-oriented recommendations for Council on priorities, programmes, organizational structure and budget for the Region.

8. Activities

- Review implementation of the Regional Priority Framework and the PWB in the Region.

- Review decisions and recommendations from Regional Technical Commissions LAFC, CODEGALAC, WECAFC, COPESCAAL and other relevant institutions and meetings in the Region.
- Review the performance of the Organization in the Region, including the completion of CPFs and the effectiveness and efficiency of the country network of FAO offices in support of country programmes, taking account of related performance indicators and pertinent evaluations.
- Advise on the plans, programmes and projects carried out by the Organization in the Region, including specific priorities for FAO's work.

9. Working methods

- Informal coordination meetings with the Secretariats of Regional Technical Commissions facilitated by the Chairperson of the Regional Conference.
- Informal consultation meetings of senior staff of the Regional Office with relevant Regional Groups, such as MERCOSUR, CAN and CARICOM, facilitated by the Chairperson of the Regional Conference.
- Regular contacts between the Chairperson of the Regional Conference and the ADG-Regional Representative.

B. Monitoring of, and advice on, policy and regulatory matters

10. **Result 2:** Regional Conference recommendations provide a sound basis for decisions by the FAO Conference on regional policy and regulatory matters.

11. Indicators and targets

- Clear and action-oriented recommendations included in the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean report.
- Regional Conference recommendations taken up by the FAO Conference.

12. Output

- Clear policy recommendations for the FAO Conference on regional policy and regulatory frameworks.

13. Activities

- Review the status of key international instruments of relevance to the Region, and major developments and initiatives in other fora impacting on the mandate of FAO.
- Consider the recommendations from FAO statutory bodies, including the Regional Technical Commissions and other meetings of relevance to the Region.
- Periodically address new and emerging issues and recommend possible concerted action by FAO and other relevant bodies in the Region.
- Consider the desirability of developing international agreements for the Region.
- Facilitate and support sub-regional consultation processes, including recommendations to convene Subregional Ministerial Meetings as necessary.

14. Working methods

- Review of regional and global trends in policies and regulations of relevance to the Region.
- Liaison with relevant FAO statutory bodies and other institutions in the Region.
- Informal consultation meetings of senior staff of the Regional Office with relevant Regional bodies, including the Secretariat of the Regional Technical Commissions.

- Regular contacts between the Chairperson of the Regional Conference and ADG-Regional Representative.

C. Work planning and working methods

15. **Result 3:** The Regional Conference operates effectively and efficiently, in an action-oriented, inclusive way.

16. Indicators and targets

- Regional Conference agendas are focused.
- Regional Conference reports are concise, consisting mostly of specific, action-oriented recommendations, and are made available to Members in a timely manner.
- Regional Conference documents adhere to new corporate presentation standards and are made available in the required languages four weeks before the session commences.
- Seventy percent of countries participate at the appropriate level in the Conference.

17. Outputs

- Multi-Year Programme of Work for the Regional Conference (MYPOW) for the Regional Conference adopted in 2012.
- Progress report on the Regional Conference MYPOW provided in 2014.
- Methods of work of the Regional Conference kept under review and improvements sought regularly.

18. Activities

- Preparation of Regional Conference MYPOW, with performance indicators and progress reports to Council and Conference.
- Regular review of methods of work, including performance measures.
- Review of the status of implementation of the Regional Conference recommendations.
- Review Rules of Procedure for the Regional Conference.

19. Working methods

- Structured and focused deliberations during sessions.
- Efficient drafting arrangements for reports.
- Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest and level of priority.
- Secretariat support for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.
- Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.