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# COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

## Item 2 of the Provisional Agenda

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

#### Seventh Session

Rome, 24-26 October 2012

#### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

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## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

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### 1. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair(s) and Rapporteur

In accordance with its Statutes, “the Working Group shall elect its Chairperson and one or more Vice-Chairpersons from among the representatives of Members of the Working Group at the beginning of each session. These officers shall remain in office until the next session of the Working Group and shall be eligible for re-election”.<sup>1</sup> The Working Group may also wish to appoint a *Rapporteur*.

### 2. Adoption of the agenda and timetable

The provisional agenda is given in document, CGRFA-WG-AnGR-7/12/1. A provisional timetable is given in *Appendix I* to the present document which provides annotations to the provisional agenda.

### 3. Implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*

The Commission, at its Fourteenth Regular Session, will review the implementation of the outcomes of the First International Technical Conference on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture which was held in 2007 in Interlaken, Switzerland. The Working Group is therefore invited to review progress in the implementation of the *Interlaken Declaration* and the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources (Global Plan of Action)*.<sup>2</sup>

#### 3.1 Review of implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*

The document, *Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources and the Interlaken Declaration* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/2), provides an overview of FAO activities since the Commission’s last Session, including, as requested by the Commission, information on progress in the development of technical guidelines, capacity development and training, technical support to countries and on the further development of the Domestic Animal Diversity Information System (DAD-IS).<sup>3</sup>

The activities are grouped according to their relevance for the four Strategic Priority Areas of the *Global Plan of Action*; the document also includes an overview of collaboration and financing. More detailed information is given in the document, *Detailed FAO Progress Report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.2).

The Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, requested FAO to prepare a Synthesis Progress Report for its Fourteenth Regular Session, based on Country Progress Reports, Regional Progress Reports and reports by international organizations.<sup>4</sup> The document, *Synthesis progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources – 2012* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.3) summarizes the reports. It also describes the process used to derive at process indicators to assess the impact of the *Global Plan of Action*.

The Commission further requested its Working Group to review status and trends reporting on animal genetic resources for food and agriculture.<sup>5</sup> Based on updates of national breed data and information in

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<sup>1</sup> See Statutes of the Intergovernmental Technical Working on Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf. 1, Article 4.1.

<sup>2</sup> CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 46; Appendix G (Strategic Plan), pp. 5, 15.

<sup>3</sup> CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraphs 72-82.

<sup>4</sup> CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 38; Appendix G (Strategic Plan), paragraph 10.

<sup>5</sup> CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraphs 39, 46.

DAD-IS, the document, *Status and trends report on animal genetic resources – 2012* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.4) provides the requested information.

### **3.2 Draft technical guidelines for the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources***

In response to the Commission's request, FAO continues updating existing and developing further technical guidelines for the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action* and keeps the DAD-IS user manual up-to-date.<sup>6</sup> Newly developed draft technical guidelines are briefly summarized in the document, *Draft technical guidelines for the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/3); they are contained in the document, *Draft guidelines on in vivo conservation of animal genetic resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.6).

### **3.3 Review of implementation of the *Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources***

The Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, adopted the *Funding Strategy for the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources*.<sup>7</sup> The document, *Review of the Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/4) provides information on resources under the FAO Trust Account and other resources of FAO dedicated to the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*. It reports on actions taken and lessons learned during the first call for proposals for use of resources under the FAO Trust Account. It reviews administrative procedures and proposes draft monitoring procedures. Detailed information on resources which are not under the FAO Trust Account, partnerships and alliances pursued by FAO in collaboration with other international mechanisms and organizations to facilitate the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action* is given in the document, *Detailed FAO Progress Report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.2).

### **3.4 Roles of small-scale livestock keepers in the conservation and sustainable use of animal genetic resources**

At its Thirteenth Regular Session, the Commission requested FAO to continue capacity-building and training activities on the management of animal genetic resources, ensuring that emphasis is given to the important roles of small-scale livestock keepers and pastoralists.<sup>8</sup> The FAO Conference, at its Thirty-seventh Session, reiterated the contribution of small-scale livestock keepers and the importance of ecosystems.<sup>9</sup> The document, *Roles of small-scale livestock keepers in the conservation and sustainable use of animal genetic resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/5) provides an overview of activities by FAO and partners to improve the contribution of small-scale livestock keepers to the sustainable management of animal genetic resources.

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<sup>6</sup> CGRFA/WG-AnGR-6/10/Report, paragraph 21; CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 41; CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 79.

<sup>7</sup> CGRFA-12/09/Report, Appendix C.

<sup>8</sup> CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 77.

<sup>9</sup> C 2011/REP, paragraph 70.

#### **4. Preparation of *The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture***

In adopting its Multi-Year Programme of Work, the Commission agreed that *The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (the Second Report) would be presented in 2017 at its Sixteenth Regular Session. This is reflected accordingly in the Draft Strategic Plan of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 2014-2021 (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.5) that will be presented to the Commission at its Fourteenth Regular Session.

The document, *Preparation of the Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/6) proposes timeline, scope, content and preparatory process for the Second Report and the required resources. It also considers the option of launching the report at the Commission's Fifteenth, rather than at its Sixteenth Regular Session.

#### **5. Targets and indicators for animal genetic resources**

At its Thirteenth Regular Session, the Commission invited FAO to further develop targets and indicators to evaluate progress in the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action*.<sup>10</sup> It also requested FAO to identify or refine indicators to measure progress made in the implementation of the *Global Plan of Action* and to continue to further develop the headline indicator of the Convention on Biological Diversity for trends in genetic diversity of domesticated animal species of major socio-economic importance, as recommended by the Working Group.<sup>11</sup> Based on already agreed reporting lines and indicators, on Country Progress Reports and the *Synthesis progress report on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources – 2012*,<sup>12</sup> the document, *Targets and indicators for animal genetic resources* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/7) proposes process and resource indicators and targets to monitor the implementation and impact of the *Global Plan of Action*.

In response to the Commission's request to advance work on the definition of breed categories, in addition to the already agreed definitions of local and transboundary breeds of livestock,<sup>13</sup> FAO carried out consultations which are reflected in the document, *Report of a consultation on the definition of breed categories* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.7).

#### **6. Status and trends of micro-organisms for ruminant digestion**

The Commission, at its Twelfth Regular Session, emphasized the need for assessing the status and trends of micro-organisms relevant to food and agriculture. In this context, it requested the Commission Secretariat to prepare further analyses and studies on the status and trends of micro-organisms for ruminant digestion, for consideration by the Commission at its Fourteenth Regular Session.<sup>14</sup>

The document, *Status and trends of micro-organisms for ruminant digestion* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/8), introduces and provides a brief summary of a study, the complete version of which is available to the Working Group as Background Study Paper (No. 61), *Micro-organisms and ruminant digestion: state of knowledge, trends and future prospects*.

<sup>10</sup> CGRFA-13/11/Report, , paragraph 74.

<sup>11</sup> CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraphs 97-98.

<sup>12</sup> CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/Inf.3.

<sup>13</sup> CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 82.

<sup>14</sup> CGRFA-12/09/Report, paragraph 60.

## **7. Access and benefit-sharing for animal genetic resources**

At its Thirteenth Regular Session, the Commission established an Ad hoc Technical Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.<sup>15</sup> The report of the first Session of the Ad Hoc Technical Working Group (Longyearbyen (Svalbard), Norway, 11 – 13 September 2012) shall also be made available to the Intergovernmental Technical Working Groups, for their review in their field of expertise.<sup>16</sup> The report is contained in the document, *Report of the First Session of the Ad hoc Technical Working group on Access and Benefit-sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* (CGRFA/WG-AnGR-7/12/9).

## **8. Other business**

## **9. Adoption of the Report**

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<sup>15</sup> CGRFA-13/11/Report, paragraph 60.

<sup>16</sup> CGRFA-13/11/Report, *Appendix D.1.*

## Appendix 1

## PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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Date & Time	Agenda Item	Title
Wednesday, 24 October 2012		
10:00-10:15	1	Election of Chair, Vice-Chair(s) and <i>Rapporteur</i>
10:15-11:00	2	Adoption of the agenda and timetable
11:00-13:00	3	Implementation of the <i>Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources</i> and the <i>Interlaken Declaration</i>
		1) Review of implementation of the <i>Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources</i>
15:00-18:00		2) Draft technical guidelines for the implementation of the <i>Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources</i>
		3) Review of implementation of the <i>Funding Strategy for the Implementation of the Global Plan of Action for Animal Genetic Resources</i>
		4) Roles of small-scale livestock keepers in the conservation and sustainable use of animal genetic resources
Thursday, 25 October 2012		
10:00-13:00	4	Preparation of <i>The Second Report on the State of the World's Animal Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>
	5	Targets and indicators for animal genetic resources
15:00-18:00	6	Status and trends of micro-organisms for ruminant digestion
	7	Access and benefit-sharing for animal genetic resources
	8	Other business
Friday, 26 October 2012		
10:00-13:00		<i>Side events</i>
15:00-18:00	9	Adoption of the Report of the Working Group