



Roadmap towards a WASAG Strategy 2025-2031

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Outline

- WASAG Vision, Mission and the proposed 4 pillars of the new Strategy
- Delivery mechanisms: Working Groups and Task Forces
- Proposed Operating Mechanisms of WASAG
- Interlinkages of WASAG Strategy with FAO Strategic Framework
- Proposed Roadmap to a new WASAG Strategy 2025-2031 (*including review of mission, vision, theory of change, hybrid model and timelines*)



Vision, Mission and the proposed 4 pillars of WASAG

Current WASAG Vision:

A world whose food systems are secure and resilient to increasing water scarcity in a changing climate.

Current WASAG Mission:

To support measurable, significant and sustainable progress on improving and adapting to sustainable agricultural systems in conditions of increasing water scarcity and a changing climate, using the combined expertise and resources of the partners.

**Catalysing
policy
development**

**Expanding research
and technical
innovation**

**Supporting capacity
building at country
level**

**Mobilizing
increased inv
estment**

Delivery mechanisms: WGs and TFs led by Partners

Existing working groups (WGs):

- Drought Preparedness
- Financing Mechanisms
- Saline Agriculture
- Sustainable Agriculture
Water Use
- Water and Nutrition
- Water and Migration

New Task Forces (TFs):

- Ecosystems-Based Solutions
- Dryland agriculture
- Drought-resilient crops
- Unconventional sources of water
- Farmer-led irrigation
development

Cross-cutting themes: communication; gender; youth; governance,..

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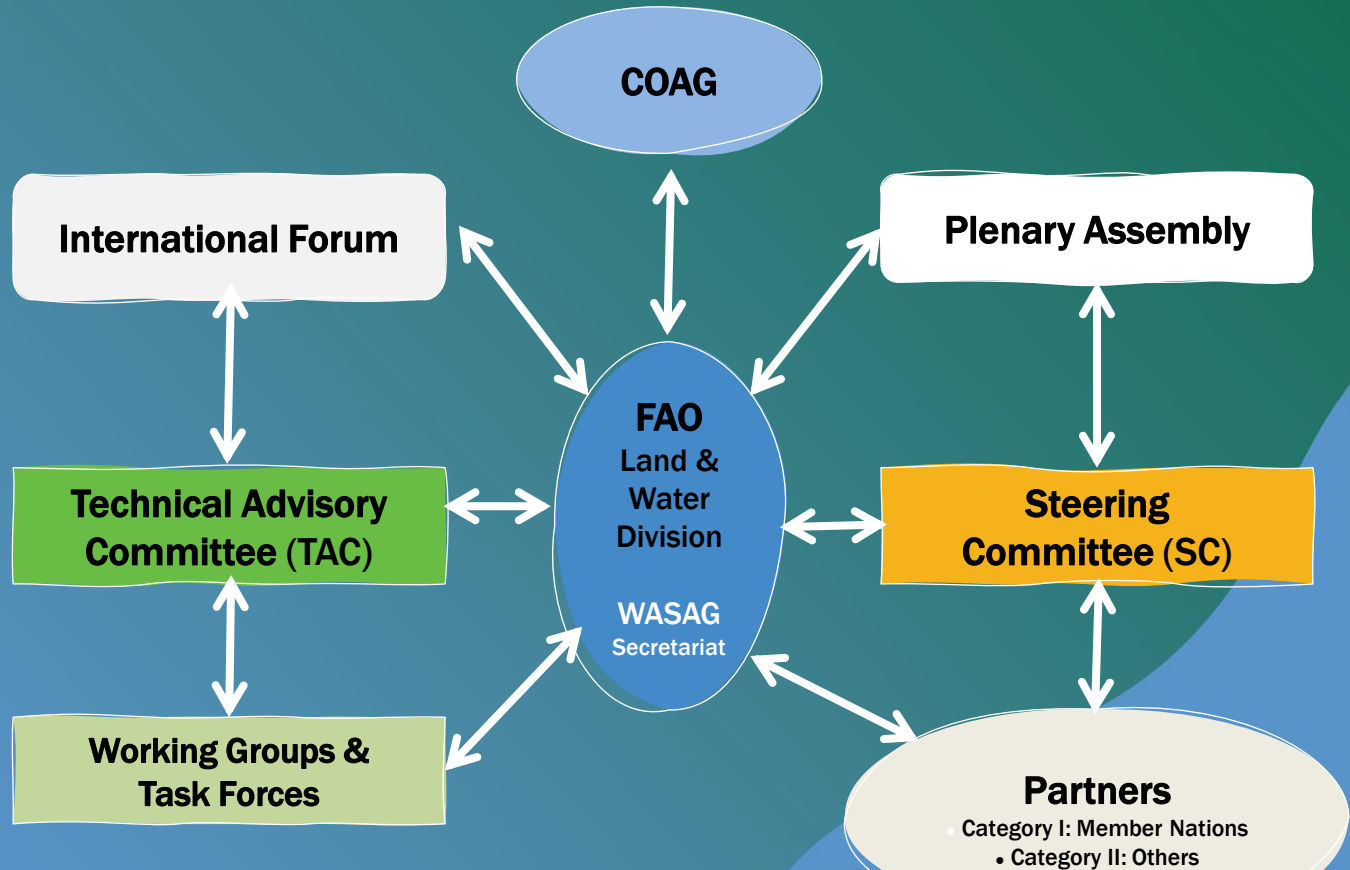
SC (Members, led by Cabo Verde)

- Strategic oversight and decision-making
- Mobilization of commitments
- 7 FAO regions + IFIs
- Meets at least 1/year

TAC

- Technical and scientific leadership
- Meets at least 2/year, including 1/year with the leaders of the Working Groups & Task Forces

The WASAG Secretariat assists the SC, TAC, Working Groups, Task Forces, Plenary Assembly, International Forum and Partners.



FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031

WASAG Strategy 2025-2031

Better Production (5 PPAs)

- Innovation
- Blue transformation
- One Health
- Small-scale production
- Digital agriculture

Better Environment (4 PPAs)

- Climate and Agrifood Systems
- Bioeconomy
- Biodiversity and ecosystems
- Urban Food Systems

Better Nutrition (5 PPAs)

- Healthy diets for all
- Nutrition for the most vulnerable
- Safe food
- Food loss and waste
- Markets and trade

Better Life (6 PPAs)

- Rural Women's Empowerment
- Rural transformation
- Agriculture and Food Emergencies
- Resilient Agrifood Systems
- Hand in Hand Initiative
- Scaling Up Investment

4 pillars

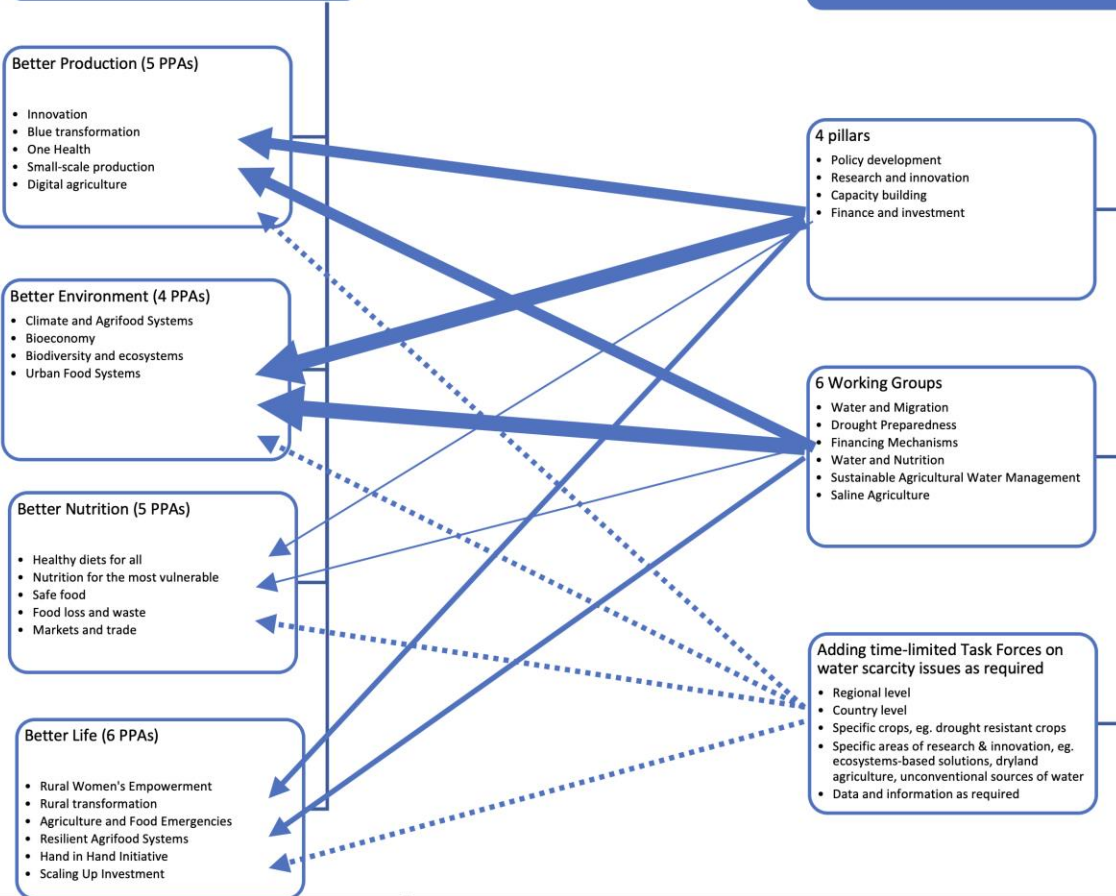
- Policy development
- Research and innovation
- Capacity building
- Finance and investment

6 Working Groups

- Water and Migration
- Drought Preparedness
- Financing Mechanisms
- Water and Nutrition
- Sustainable Agricultural Water Management
- Saline Agriculture

Adding time-limited Task Forces on water scarcity issues as required

- Regional level
- Country level
- Specific crops, eg. drought resistant crops
- Specific areas of research & innovation, eg. ecosystems-based solutions, dryland agriculture, unconventional sources of water
- Data and information as required



Proposed Road Map for the WASAG strategy 2025-2031

Date	Activity	Comments
29-30 April 2024	Preliminary outline of the strategy	Presented for information
17 October 2024	Rome Declaration on WASAG adopted	To inform the strategy
Oct 2024- Feb. 2025	Review of vision, mission, theory of change, priorities, hybrid model, WGs and TFs	Targeted consultations
February 2025	Consultations and review of draft	Wider consultations
April 2025	Review by Technical Advisory Committee	Quality control
June 2025	Submission to Steering Committee	Adoption in 2nd half of 2025



We look forward to your contributions in the different steps of the road map. THANK YOU.

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