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## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

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## **Progress Report on the Follow-up to Past Programme Committee Recommendations**

1. This progress report tabulates for information the status of Programme Committee items for which specific follow-up action was requested by the Committee, or jointly with the Finance Committee.

## Schedule of the Programme Committee and Joint Meeting Recommendations and Status of Follow-up Action

Reference	Recommendation	Status
CL 127/11 para. 37	The Evaluation of Programme 2.3.3 (Fisheries Exploitation and Utilization)	
	The Committee requested that a follow-up report should be presented in two years, describing how the evaluation recommendations had been implemented.	A document is being presented to the Programme Committee in May 2006.
CL 128/11 para. 37	Evaluation of Livestock Production, Policy and Information (Programme 2.1.3)	
	In line with normal practice, the Committee requested that a follow-up report be presented in two years on the progress in acting on the agreed findings and recommendations of the evaluation.	A follow-up report is being prepared and submitted for the Committee's information in 2007.

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CL 128/11	Evaluation Topics for the period 2006 to 2009	
paras. 54 - 57	In deciding on the evaluations required by the governing bodies over the period 2006-09, the Committee noted that there would be need for a certain flexibility dependent on other demands placed upon the Evaluation Service and the capacity of the governing bodies and Secretariat to cope with reports requiring major decisions, particularly resulting from the Independent External Evaluation of FAO.	
	Evaluations to be reported to the Committee in 2006 - initiated in 2005 (cf. PC 93/8):	
	1. Evaluation of FAO's Cross Organizational Strategy Broadening Parnerships and Alliances;	A document is being presented to the Programme Committee in May 2006.
	2. Evaluation of Strategy D2 Fragile Environments.	Undergoing finalisation.
	<b>Priority</b> was further assigned to the following evaluations in the coming two biennia:	
	1. The Evaluation of FAO's effectiveness for countries, looking in depth in countries at the total relevance, outcomes and impacts of FAO's work, including for emergencies;	Initiated in Mozambique with at least one further country to be completed in the biennium.
	2. Major Programme 2.5: Contributions to Sustainable Development and Special Programme Thrusts (Programmes 2.5.1, 2.5.2 and 2.5.3 only);	Postponed pending decisions on Director-General's Reform proposals and the outcome of the IEE.
	3. The overall evaluation of Corporate Strategy B, Strategic Objective B.1, International instruments concerning food, agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and the production, safe use and fair exchange of agricultural, fishery and forestry goods;	Initiated with an evaluation of the IPPC.
	4. The programme on assessment of food needs in emergencies and crisis deficit situations (possibly jointly with WFP);	Planned for 2007.
	5. Trade and commodity related work under Programme 2.2.4: Agriculture, Food Security and Trade Policy; and	Initiated for completion during 2006-07 biennium.
	6. The role and effectiveness of extra-budgetary resources and how they complement the Regular Budget resources.	Possible for 2007.
	As a <b>second priority</b> for coverage if possible, the Committee referred to:	
	7) The cross-organizational strategy for Enhancing inter-disciplinarity (including analysis of the workings of a number of cross-organizational extra-budgetary projects and of the PAIA modality); and	
	8) Water-related work under Programme 2.1.1: Natural Resources.	

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CL 129/2 para. 12	Item 3. Review of Programme Planning and Budgeting: Practices in and Experiences of other International Organizations	
	The Committees requested the Secretariat to prepare a document for the next Joint Meeting containing possible options for a streamlined and improved planning process, so as to facilitate initiation of an effective dialogue among Members.	A document is being presented to the Joint Meeting in May 2006.
CL 129/2 para. 13	Item 4. Savings and Efficiencies in Governance:  Assessment of alternative arrangements for the meetings of the CCP and COAG	
	Whilst some endorsed the back-to-back arrangements for the CCP and COAG, others expressed a wish to have more information on the policy and logistics issues related to an eventual merger of the two Committees. The Joint Meeting agreed to request the Secretariat to prepare another paper on these issues, for presentation at its next session.	A document is being presented to the Joint Meeting in May 2006.
CL 129/3 para. 52	Item 5: Evaluation of the Cross-organizational Strategy on Communicating FAO's Messages	
	The Committee requested more information on the efficacy of TeleFood. Some Members also queried whether FAO should be putting limited resources into direct fund-raising. This evaluation was requested for consideration by the Programme Committee, if possible in May 2006.	A document is being presented to the Programme Committee in May 2006.
	At the same time, the Committee would like to consider a time-bound implementation plan for management in response to the current evaluation and that of TeleFood. The Committee would require a follow-up report after two years on the implementation of this plan, as is its normal practice, and would also consider at that meeting whether more in-depth study was needed on any other aspects of the Communication Strategy.	To be submitted to the 98 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee in September 2007.
CL 129/5 para. 53	The Committee requested the Organization to consider how it could strengthen the operational nature of management responses to evaluation findings to include an implementation plan and make recommendations to the Committee at its next meeting for consideration.	A document is being presented to the Programme Committee in May 2006.