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# FAO results in the region 2022-23

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*Theme: Resilient agrifood systems and inclusive rural transformation*

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## FAO Results in the Region

- FAO's work provides strong conceptual basis and means of action to achieve results for member, contributing to the four betters and SDG targets
- FAO's achievements during the 2022-23 biennium underpin the implementation of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31
- FAO's work highlights new ways of working and modalities

# Regional priorities



## Sustainable Agrifood Production Systems

- ✓ Developed inclusive digital solutions across agrifood systems
- ✓ Improved national capabilities for using a One Health approach in 24 countries



## Efficient and Equitable Food and Nutrition Systems

- ✓ Supported tracking of indicators under the African Leaders for Nutrition Accountability Scorecard
- ✓ Generated evidence on models to support AfCFTA, SME incubation and accelerators



## Climate action and sustainable natural resource management

- ✓ Supported adoption and scale-up of climate-smart agriculture practices
- ✓ Assessed potential of solar irrigation opportunities in five Sahelian countries



## Building resilience, ending poverty

- ✓ Facilitated stakeholder engagement on priorities for agrifood systems in African SIDS
- ✓ Supported ECOWAS to revise social protection framework and its implementation

# Accelerators, cross cutting themes

- Promoted accelerators across the Regional Priorities:
  - ✓ Development of West Africa Land Cover Regional Reference System (data)
  - ✓ Proof of concept for a digital platform for remote food inspection in ECOWAS (technology)
  - ✓ Innovative financial instruments and risk-sharing mechanisms (innovation)
  - ✓ Capacity development of stakeholders on conducive environment for agribusiness incubators (complements)
- Integrated gender and youth into programmatic work:
  - ✓ Trained women led SMEs on AfCFTA opportunities, investment readiness and business planning
  - ✓ Improved the capacities of over 350 youth-led agribusinesses in 6 countries
  - ✓ Developed inclusion framework, collected inclusivity success stories, and conducted needs assessment
- Supported national statistical systems to establish platform for dialogue and guidance on development, harmonization and improvement of food and agricultural statistics

# Corporate strategies

- Regional dialogue on FAO Science & Innovation Strategy focusing on agricultural productivity and competitiveness, and youth/women-led innovations for climate action
- Regional consultations on FAO Climate Change Strategy and Post-COP27 Opportunities; provided technical support to Africa Climate Summit

# Corporate initiatives

## **Hand-in-Hand Initiative** (HiHI)

- ✓ 35 African member countries
- ✓ 2 investment forums - investment plans exceed USD 12 billion

## **One Country One Product** (OCOP)

- ✓ 29 members promoting 18 Special Agricultural Products

## **Digital Villages Initiative** (DVI)

- ✓ expanded and developed synergies with local stakeholders and development partners

## **Green Cities Initiative**

- ✓ established learning labs in Kenya, Senegal and South Africa

## Matters brought to attention of the Regional Conference

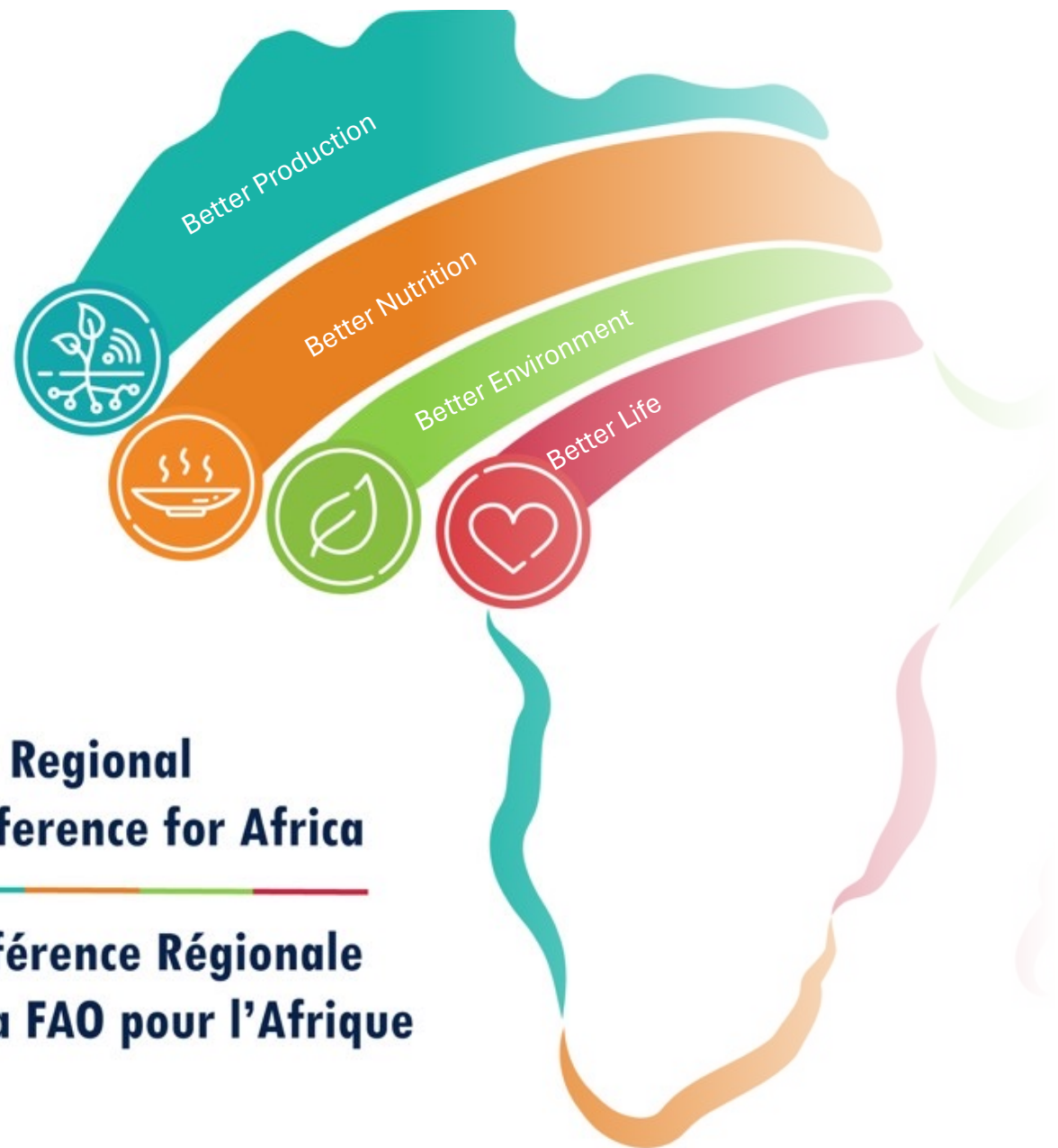
### Members to:

- Take Note of the achievements in the regional implementation of FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31, corporate strategies and initiatives
- Recognize the emphasis on country-led and country-owned programming in implementing the Regional Priorities
- Encourage members to support and reinforce the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning function at all levels
- Support members to strengthen linkages between FAO's work and public and private investments

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