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# COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

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### MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPOW) 2012–16 OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

#### Executive Summary

The Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal (IPA), adopted by the Conference in 2008, calls for the development of Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) for the Governing Bodies, as instruments to improve effectiveness of governance. Specifically, under IPA actions 2.70 and 2.71, the Governing Bodies are required to prepare a MYPOW of at least four years, each biennium, for review by the Council and/or Conference in accordance with the respective reporting lines.

The document contains CCP's draft MYPOW for the period 2012–2016 which was prepared by the Bureau of the Committee, with support from the CCP Secretariat.

#### Suggested action by the Committee

- The Committee is invited to review the draft MYPOW and amend it as appropriate.
- The Committee may wish to approve the agreed MYPOW for 2012–2016.

## I. Overall Objectives for the Committee on Commodity Problems for 2012–2016

1. The Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) conducts periodic reviews of commodity problems of an international character and prepares factual and interpretative surveys of the world commodity situation, with a view to guiding concerted action by Member Nations and the Organization. It advises the Council on the overall work programme of the Organization relating to agricultural commodity markets, agricultural and trade policy and emerging issues related to agricultural markets and trade. The Committee provides evidence-based advice and action-oriented recommendations to the Conference on global policy and regulatory matters, in its areas of mandate.

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## II. Results for 2012-2016

### A. Strategy, priority setting and budget planning

2. Result: The Organization has a clear strategy, well-defined priorities and developed programmes on issues of relevance to the mandate and terms of reference of Committee.
3. Indicators and targets:
  - Summary presentation of developments in the areas of mandate is part of the regular sessions of CCP.
  - Committee's recommendations made on pertinent aspects of the Strategic Framework, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) are reflected in the Council reports.
4. Output: Clear, precise and consensual recommendations on strategy, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization are considered by Council, providing a solid basis for its guidance and decision-making.
5. Activities:
  - Review the current situation in its areas of mandate, including issues of topical significance to the international community.
  - Review implementation of the PWB in areas falling within the Committee's competence.
  - Formulate clear, consensual, timely, well-developed and actionable recommendations on strategy, priorities, programmes and budget in areas falling within the Committee's competence.
  - Organize side events, as appropriate, in the areas of the Committee's mandate.

### B. Advice on global policy and regulatory matters

6. Result: Based on the Committee's recommendations, FAO, through Conference, and taking into consideration regional priorities and specificities, gives clear, relevant and useful advice on major policy and regulatory issues confronting the world, regions and individual Member Nations, within the areas of its competence.
7. Indicators and targets:
  - Members obtain value from the deliberations of the CCP, using the resulting advice and recommendations to guide domestic actions and policies.
  - Clear and action-oriented recommendations on global policy and regulatory matters are reflected in the Committee's reports.
  - Clear and specific recommendations made in a timely manner by CCP to the Conference regarding global policy and regulatory matters in areas of mandate.
8. Output: Clear and consensual recommendations for Conference on policy and regulatory frameworks, mechanisms and instruments.
9. Activities:
  - Report to Conference on global policy and regulatory issues arising out of the Committee's deliberations.
  - Review the status of relevant international agreements and instruments in areas of competence of the Committee.
  - Address new and emerging issues and recommend possible policy and action options for Members, FAO and other relevant stakeholders.

## III. Effective work planning of CCP

10. Result: CCP works effectively and efficiently, in an action-oriented, inclusive way.

11. Indicators and targets:

- CCP agendas are prepared in close consultation with the Regional Groups, and are focused.
- CCP reports are concise and contain specific, action-oriented recommendations, and are made available to Members, Council and Conference in a timely manner.
- CCP documents are made available in all FAO languages four weeks before commencement of the session.
- Continuity in terms of inter-sessional activities and work of the Committee.

12. Outputs:

- Multi-Year Programme of Work for CCP adopted in 2012.
- Progress report on CCP's MYPOW in 2014.

13. Activities:

- Pay continued attention to effective arrangements for the formulation of agendas and drafting of the final report.
- Consider ways to improve the conduct of sessions, including more efficient use of the time available.
- Work out clear modalities for the election and operation of the Bureau Members with a view to enhancing continuity between sessions.
- Focus side events on key and emerging issues.
- Facilitate coordination with other FAO technical committees, as appropriate.

#### **IV. Working methods**

14. The work of the Committee is based on regular review and analysis of global trends in commodity markets, trade policy and related issues within the areas of its competence. It operates based on the following working methods:

- Regular contacts and consultation with the CCP Secretariat based in the Trade and Markets Division (EST).
- Collaboration with FAO Governing Bodies and relevant statutory bodies under FAO auspices.
- Liaison with the Programme Committee on strategy and priority matters and with the Finance Committee on financial and budgetary matters.
- Interaction with other international organizations active in areas of relevance to the Committee.
- Regular inter-sessional activities facilitated by the Chairperson and the Bureau and with proactive support from the Secretariat.
- Promotion and facilitation of the participation of farmers and civil society organizations and the private sector, within the rules and regulations of the Organization.