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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

COVID	-	Corona Virus Disease
IMF	-	International Monetary Fund
WBG	-	World Bank Group
WFP	-	World Food Programme
WTO	-	World Trade Organisation
FAO	-	Food and Agriculture Organisation
AMIS	-	Agricultural Market Information System
RBAs	-	Rome-Based Agencies
FIFF	-	Food Import Financing Facility
UN	-	United Nations
HIH	-	Hand-In-Hand
UNSDCF	-	UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
UNFSS	-	UN Food Systems Summit
WASAG	-	Water Scarcity in Agriculture
CCP	-	Committee on Commodity Problems
SOCO	-	State of Agricultural Commodity Markets
GIEWS	-	Global Information and Early Warning System
COAG	-	Committee on Agriculture
MYPOW	-	Multi-Year Programme of Work
IPPC	-	International Plant Protection Convention
AMR	-	Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance
WOAH	-	World Organisation for Animal Health
UNDF	-	UN Decade for Family Farming
CPF	-	Collaboration Partnership on Forests
INC	-	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
GSP	-	Global Soil Partnership
COFI	-	Committee on Fisheries
SDGs	-	Sustainable Development Goals
IUU	-	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated
PSMA	-	Port State Measures
SCFM	-	Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management
COFO	-	Committee on Forestry
PPAs	-	Programme Priority Areas
FRA	-	Forest Resource Assessment
CCLM	-	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CPFs	-	Country Programming Forums
TCP	-	Technical Cooperation Programme
OCOP	-	One Country One Priority
JIU	-	Joint Inspection Unit
UNDS	-	UN Development System
ICC	-	Independent Chairperson of the Council
SCO	-	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
GAF	-	Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries

CHAPTER ONE

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock is one of the twenty Departmental Committees of the National Assembly established under **Standing Order 216** whose mandates pursuant to the **Standing Order 216 (5)** are as follows:

- i. To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;*
- ii. To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;*
- iii. On a quarterly basis, monitor and report on the implementation of the national budget in respect of its mandate;*
- iv. To study and review all legislation referred to it;*
- v. To study, assess and analyse the relative success of the ministries and departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;*
- vi. To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the House;*
- vii. To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the National Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 204 (Committee on Appointments);*
- viii. To examine treaties, agreements and conventions;*
- ix. To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation;*
- x. To consider reports of Commissions and Independent Offices submitted to the House pursuant to the provisions of Article 254 of the Constitution; and*
- xi. To examine any questions raised by Members on a matter within its mandate.*

1.2 SUBJECTS UNDER THE COMMITTEE

2. In accordance with the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider agriculture, livestock, food production and marketing.
3. In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

1.3 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

4. The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock was constituted by the House on 27th October 2022 and comprises of the following members:

Chairperson

Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga, MP
Tigania West Constituency

UDA Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP
Konoin Constituency

UDA Party

Members

Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP

Nominated Member

Jubilee Party

Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi
MP

Kwanza Constituency

Ford Kenya Party

Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga, MP
Matayos Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP
Sigowet/Soin Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Jared Okello Odoyo, MP
Nyando Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP
Tigania East Constituency

NOPEU Party

Hon. David Kiplagat, MP
Soy Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe, MP

Gatundu South Constituency

UDA Party

Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu,

Lamu County

Independent Member

Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP
Embu County

UDA Party

Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP
Borabu Constituency

ODM Party

Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP
Mumias East Constituency

DAP-K Party

Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP
Wajir West Constituency

ODM Party

1.4 COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT

5. The Committee is facilitated by the following secretariat:

Ms. Laureen Omusa Wesonga
Clerk Assistant I/Head of Secretariat

Mr. Victor Kilimo
Clerk Assistant III

Mr. Ahmednoor Hassan
Clerk Assistant III

Ms. Brigitta Mati
Legal Counsel I

Mr. David Ng'eno
Research Officer II

CPA. Robert Ng'etich
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Mr. Gerald Kadede
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Research Officer III

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Audio Recording Officer

Mr. Richard Sang
Serjeant-at-Arms

CHAPTER TWO

2 THE 171ST SESSION OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION COUNCIL

2.1 INTRODUCTION

6. The Food and Agriculture Organisation is a United Nations Agency that leads international efforts to alleviate hunger with the aim of achieving food security for all and ensure that every person has access to enough high-quality food.
7. The Organisation has a membership of one-hundred and ninety-five (195) comprising of one-hundred and ninety-four (194) countries and the European Union. It works in over one hundred and thirty (130) countries).
8. Kenya is one of the member countries of FAO and as such, was one of the countries that was invited to the 171st Session of the Council by the Director-General of FAO. The Meeting was held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy from 5th to 9th December 2022.

2.2 TOPICS COVERED

9. The topics covered in the meeting are:
 - a) Procedure of the Session;
 - b) Programmatic matters;
 - c) Reports of the technical committees;
 - d) Reports of the Committees of the Council;
 - e) Governance Matters; and
 - f) Other matters

2.3 KENYAN DELEGATION

10. Kenya was represented by the following persons in the meeting:
 - a) Hon. Mithika Linturi – CS, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
 - b) H.E. (Amb.) Jackline Yonga – Kenya's Ambassador to Italy
 - c) H.E. (Hon.) Kenneth Lusaka – Governor, Bungoma County
 - d) Hon. Brighton Yegon, MP – Vice-Chairperson, DC on Agriculture and Livestock
 - e) Hon. Sabina Chege, CBS, MP – Member, DC on Agriculture and Livestock
 - f) Hon. Julius Taitumu, MP – MP, Igembe North Constituency
 - g) Amb. Connie Maina – Deputy Head of Mission, Kenya Embassy in Rome
 - h) Mr. Anthony Muriithi – Agriculture Attaché, Kenya Embassy in Rome
 - i) Ms. Evelyne Heyi – Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development
 - j) Ms. Lauren Wesonga – National Assembly

CHAPTER THREE

3 SUMMARY OF TOPICS COVERED

3.1 PROCEDURE OF THE SESSION

3.1.1 Introductory Items

11. The 171st Session of the Council was held from 5th to 9th December 2022, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of the Council.
12. The Session was convened in a hybrid modality, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health concerns, with some representatives attending in person at FAO headquarters, and others participating virtually. This followed consultations by the Director-General with the Independent Chairperson of the Council, and with the Regional Groups of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

3.1.2 Statement by the Director-General

13. The Director-General, Dr. Qu Dongyu, delivered a statement to the Council.

3.1.3 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

14. The Council adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session, with amendments.

3.1.4 Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

15. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr. Abdoulaye Traore (Guinea) Mr. Khalid Yousuf Al-Sada (Qatar); and Ms. Alison Storsve (United States of America).
16. The Council elected Ms. Marie-Lise Stoll (Luxembourg) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Luxembourg, Russian Federation and Saudi Arabia.

3.2 PROGRAMMATIC MATTERS

3.2.1 Update on FAO's work on the global food crisis

17. The Council, through a roll call vote rejected an amendment to the draft decision as contained in document CL 171/3 Add.1.
18. The Council decided by vote to adopt the Proposal contained in document CL 171/3 Add.1, and co-sponsored by 52 FAO Members including 16 Member Nations of the Council. Accordingly, the Council adopted the following decision. The Council:
 - a) expressed grave concern about the continued devastating impact of the Russian Federation's war in Ukraine on global food insecurity as well as on availability and affordability of food, fertilizer, and energy, particularly for the poorest countries and most vulnerable populations;

- b) recalled UN General Assembly resolutions A/RES/ES-11/4 dated October 12, 2022, entitled “*Territorial integrity of Ukraine: defending the principles of the Charter of the United Nations*” and A/RES/ES-11/2 dated 24th March 2022, entitled “*Humanitarian consequences of the aggression against Ukraine*”, and A/RES/ES-11/1 of 2nd March 2022, entitled “*Aggression against Ukraine*”;
- c) reaffirmed the decision and recommendations of its 169th and 170th Sessions as well as the recommendations of the report of the 33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Europe;
- d) welcomed and stressed the importance of the Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports, known as the “*Black Sea Grain Initiative*”, adopted in Istanbul on 22nd July 2022 and the necessity for this initiative to remain in effect as long as necessary;
- e) requested FAO’s political and technical support for sustaining the Black Sea Grain Initiative, noting its importance to ensuring food availability and access to countries in all regions, especially the most vulnerable populations;
- f) noted document CL 171/3 and welcomed the 21st September 2022 Second Joint Statement by the Heads of FAO, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank Group (WBG), World Food Programme (WFP), and World Trade Organization (WTO) on the Global Food Security and Nutrition Crisis, which stated;
- g) requested that FAO continue to monitor the situation closely and update Members in writing at least quarterly, including through the FAO webpage dedicated to the crisis in Ukraine, and to submit to the Council at its next sessions:
 - i. an updated comprehensive impact assessment of the conflict in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the FAO, including data and information specifically tailored to the impacts on each region, with particular attention to impacts on the most vulnerable countries;
 - ii. an updated Ukraine Rapid Response Plan, including a detailed overview of financial needs;
 - iii. a comprehensive assessment of the damage to Ukraine’s agriculture and food sector within Ukraine’s internationally recognized borders, as well as the anticipated reconstruction and rehabilitation costs due to loss and damage resulting from the conflict;
 - iv. a review and assessment of the conflict’s impact on global food security, including at regional and country level, and on consequent achievement of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022 to 2031 and the Medium-Term Plan 2022 to 2025, with proposals for adjustments as necessary to the Program of Work and Budget 2022 to 2023 and Medium-Term Plan 2022 to 2025 aimed at improved response to the global food security crisis;
- h) recommended that FAO propose to Members via the relevant technical committees and Governing Bodies how the Organization might leverage its FAO Strategy for Private Sector Engagement 2021 to 2025, FAO Science and Innovation Strategy, Strategy on Climate Change 2022 to 2031, and Rome-based agency collaboration mechanisms to support recovery assistance and resilience building in food systems for countries most affected by the global food crisis;
- i) welcomed and encouraged FAO’s continued commitments to:
 - i. strengthening global market transparency and coordination among Members, through initiatives such as the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS);

- ii. supporting with data and appropriate coordination of the Food Shock Window established by the IMF in September 2022 for low-condition emergency loans to help eligible countries cope with food shortages and rising costs stemming from the Russian Federation's war in Ukraine, which Members appreciated was developed from a FAO policy proposal;
 - iii. collaborating with the WTO and others as appropriate, on a joint endeavour to study fertilizer markets and policies with the aim of supporting countries with policy advice on refraining from introducing export restrictions on fertilizers;
 - iv. supporting the most vulnerable countries to access international fertilizer markets and to improve efficiency in its use, including supporting AMIS in expanding its mandate to include fertilizers in its commodity coverage to allow all market and policy developments to be closely monitored and publicly disseminated;
 - v. accelerating innovation, joint planning, agricultural research and development, and systemic coordination with other UN entities and relevant bodies, especially the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) and international financial institutions, to connect short-, medium- and long-term opportunities and deliver support in a timely manner; and
 - vi. keeping Members notified in this regard through regular briefings, consultations, and reporting to the FAO Governing Bodies.
- j) underlined the importance of keeping open the trade of food and agriculture inputs and products to obviate the negative impact on food security globally and avoid trade barriers in this respect; and
 - k) decided to remain seized of this matter and add it to the agenda of its next regular sessions, entitled "*The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).*"

19. The Council appreciated the update on FAO's work on the global food crisis, and in particular:

- a) noted the Organization's role as a provider of timely information, analyses and early warning on food and agricultural markets, food security and nutrition as a reliable leader and partner in achieving global food security;
- b) welcomed the progress on the targeted policy proposals and the emergency and humanitarian response measures in countries;
- c) highlighted the value of the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) in informing decisions and guiding policy responses and interventions, and called on Members to support these initiatives, including through the provision of timely data and information;
- d) underlined the importance of continued strengthening of FAO's data and statistics as well as its market monitoring and outlook work, which are critical for enhancing market transparency and informing policy decisions;
- e) commended FAO for its leadership and contributions to food security-related deliberations and decisions in international fora;
- f) welcomed FAO's collaboration with relevant international organizations and bodies, to raise awareness about the challenges and advocate for solutions, respecting their own mandates and maximizing complementarities;
- g) recalled paragraph 20(i) of the Report of the 170th Session of the Council;
- h) recognized the progress made with the concept and design for the Food Import Financing Facility (FIFF) as an important tool to support countries to shoulder

- soaring costs of food imports and improve access to food at country level, including by addressing availability of access to fertilizers, and requested FAO to continue its cooperation with relevant international organizations and bodies in this regard;
- i) highlighted the importance of integrating short- and long-term measures in the support FAO provides to Members for transforming agri-food systems to be more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable, to be made in a coherent manner, as appropriate, in accordance with and dependent on national contexts and capacities, with the objective to leave no one behind;
 - j) reaffirmed that the focus on agri-food systems' transformation, made in a coherent manner, as appropriate, in accordance with and dependent on national contexts and capacities embedded in the FAO Strategic Framework 2022 to 2031, provides a promising entry point for a comprehensive response to the global food crisis, and invited FAO to intensify co-operation in particular with all relevant UN organizations and bodies on sustainable food systems, in line with Agenda 2030 and the three dimensions of sustainable development, in order to mitigate the current food crisis and avert future crises.
20. The Council highlighted the importance of the role of FAO, which falls under its purview, in addressing the current challenges of food security and agriculture, and underlined the need for FAO and its Governing Bodies and Members to focus on matters relevant to the mandate of the Organization.

3.2.2 Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative

21. The Council received an update on the Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative, and:
- a) commended the increase in the number of countries participating in the Initiative to 54, noted the challenges faced by participating member countries, especially those facing conflict, and appreciated the flexibility and agility of the Initiative to help them sustain work-in-progress under crisis conditions;
 - b) stressed the need to continue ensuring the alignment of the Initiative with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), and joint programming within the UN development system, and increasing synergies such as the follow-up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) 2021;
 - c) recognized that all Members may participate in the HIH Initiative, not only as beneficiaries but also as development and resource partners through multiple channels, including direct support from member countries through the Flexible Voluntary Contribution;
 - d) welcomed the continued transparency on the financing of the HIH Initiative and looked forward to continued regular updates on the Initiative, including further updates on the Geospatial Platform and financial considerations;
 - e) welcomed the first HIH Investment Forum which took place during the World Food Forum in October 2022;
 - f) took note of the substantial progress made on the HIH website and on the development of a dashboard that tracks delivery and impact, and looked forward to receiving information on the next phase of development; and
 - g) welcomed the provision of HIH communication materials and the development of a global HIH communication strategy as a way to deepen internal engagement and expand HIH partnerships at global and local levels. Integrated water resources management for food security and climate resilience.

22. The Council appreciated the report on Integrated Water Resources Management for Food Security and Climate Resilience, and in particular within the mandate of FAO:

- a) reiterated the importance of water resources management for sustainable food systems, food security, food safety, and climate resilience, and welcomed the initiative to develop and implement sustainable agricultural water management for promoting mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and addressing the impacts of water scarcity, drought and floods on agri-food systems as guided by the FAO Strategy on Climate Change 2022 to 2031;
- b) underlined the need for FAO to analyse the resources needed to implement programmatic actions on integrated water resources management with sufficient resources, including from global financial institutions, resource partners and voluntary contributions by Members;
- c) noted, in line with Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the need to respect the rights of individuals with respect to water, and acknowledged in this regard the importance of FAO's initiatives on the complexity of water access, water tenure, and sustainable water management and allocation systems;
- d) encouraged FAO to continue seizing the growing momentum ahead of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference, including through consideration of Indigenous Peoples' approaches;
- e) underscored the importance of science and innovation to support strengthening integrated water resources management, guided by the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy and the FAO Strategy on Climate Change;
- f) encouraged FAO to fully engage in the United Nations 2023 Water Conference as well as other water related engagements, and report back to Members with relevant information regarding the discussions on water management for agriculture;
- g) recommended FAO to step up the work on the Global Framework on Water Scarcity in Agriculture (WASAG) to support Members, upon request, in building and developing capacities to produce data on available and actual use of water resources for agriculture, and in collaboration with relevant UN bodies to initiate a global dialogue on water tenure; and
- h) recommended FAO, in close collaboration with relevant UN agencies, to support Members, upon request, in their country-led efforts to conduct national water dialogues and develop their national water roadmaps towards the SDGs, as well as building and developing capacities, technical support, research and innovation, and to produce data on water resources for agriculture, as appropriate.

3.3 REPORTS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

3.3.1 Report of the 75th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (13th to 15th July 2022)

23. The Council reviewed the Report of the 75th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), and in particular:

- a) appreciated FAO's work on commodity markets monitoring, outlook and early warning, particularly in view of the increasing number of risks and uncertainties caused by conflicts, climate variability, pests and diseases and economic shocks;
- b) requested FAO to continue and intensify its efforts to support informed policy decisions and promote policy coordination by providing timely and objective data and information, market assessments and outlooks;

- c) acknowledged the positive role of the AMIS in enhancing agricultural market transparency and policy responses for food security, reducing extreme price volatility and promoting coordinated policy action, and called on Members to support the initiative, including through timely reporting of country-level data;
- d) underlined the importance of a freer, fairer, predictable, non-discriminatory and rules-based multilateral trading system, under the WTO and consistent with its rules, for promoting agricultural and rural development and contributing to achieving food security and improved nutrition for all;
- e) appreciated FAO's efforts to conduct ex-ante analysis, scenarios and foresight studies, and encouraged the Organization to include a broader range of supply, demand and risk factors;
- f) commended the partnerships between FAO and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on the medium-term projection work, and with the WTO on agricultural trade, and encouraged FAO to strengthen them further;
- g) encouraged FAO to continue its support to Members, upon request, in capacity building for effective participation in trade agreements and evidence-based design of trade and trade related policies and strategies, such as through analyses and facilitation of policy dialogue on trade, agriculture, food security and sustainability at the global and regional levels to inform trade policy discussions and trade negotiations;
- h) noted the findings of the flagship report *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets (SOCO) 2022*, and highlighted the importance that future editions of SOCO continue to focus on the situation of agricultural commodity markets as they are impacted by current and emerging issues, developed through an inclusive input process;
- i) expressed appreciation for FAO's work in the area of agri-food trade, including through the provision of up-to-date data, information and scientific evidence to inform policy discussions;
- j) expressed appreciation for the work conducted by the Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS), its various products and services, and emphasized the significance of geospatial and digital technologies in collecting and analysing data and information; and
- k) endorsed the priorities for FAO's work in the area of commodity markets and trade in the context of the FAO Strategic Framework 2022 to 2031 and the Medium-Term Plan 2022 to 25.

24. With the above observations, the Council endorsed aspects and recommendations of the Report relating to programme and budgetary matters.

3.3.2 Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (18th to 22nd July 2022)

25. The Council reviewed the Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), and in particular:
- a) welcomed the Report of the First Session of the COAG Sub-Committee on Livestock held from 16th to 18th March 2022 and its Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2022 to 2025, and looked forward to the global assessment on the contribution of the livestock sector to the SDGs to be prepared for the next session of the Sub-Committee on Livestock;
 - b) welcomed the development of the One Health Joint Plan of Action and strengthened cooperation between the Quadripartite, and recommended to enhance

- data integration and sharing across sectors, to strengthen global One Health knowledge and scientific information systems, and to assist Members, upon request, on national One Health early warning frameworks for rapid risk assessments of animal and zoonotic disease threats;
- c) recommended FAO to strengthen cooperation between the Quadripartite and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to consider plant health;
 - d) welcomed the progress made in the implementation of the Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) 2021 to 2025, in close collaboration with the Quadripartite, and encouraged FAO to support Members in their implementation of good production practices as well as in AMR management throughout the food supply chain, called for the implementation of the Codex Alimentarius guidelines and standards on AMR and supported the development of guidelines, in line with the Action Plan, on monitoring the use of antimicrobials with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH);
 - e) emphasized the role of agricultural innovation and recommended to further develop and promote participatory approaches for agricultural research, pluralistic extension and advisory services to enable smallholders and family farmers to access and participate in appropriate innovation, information and advisory services;
 - f) welcomed the progress made in the implementation of the UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDFP) 2019 to 2028 and stressed the need to mobilize financial resources in this regard;
 - g) stressed the importance of agriculture and forestry linkages, and of strengthened coordination between the COAG and the Committee on Forestry on related cross-sectoral matters, and recommended to continue collecting and analysing science and evidence-based data on agriculture and forestry interdependencies;
 - h) encouraged FAO to continue playing an active role in relevant international fora by promoting open dialogue on enhancing and promoting sustainable agri-food systems and further working with other international partners, including all relevant stakeholders and particularly members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), to upscale synergies between agriculture and forestry;
 - i) welcomed progress in the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors and its 2021 to 2023 Action Plan, and looked forward to regular reporting on further implementation;
 - j) noted the importance of the Report on the State of the World's Land and Water Resources for Food and Agriculture, and recommended FAO to consider reporting these issues through a regular flagship publication, to undertake an assessment of existing water tenure arrangements and to initiate a Global Dialogue on Water Tenure matters within FAO's mandate;
 - k) encouraged FAO to undertake further scientific and evidence-based assessments related to the distribution, benefits, trade-offs and risks of plastics for agricultural use and their alternatives, to address knowledge gaps on plastics in agriculture, and requested the development of policy instruments, taking into account Members' past and ongoing efforts as well as developing countries' needs and challenges;
 - l) underscored the need for improved inter-sectoral collaboration and governance to address plastic use throughout agri-food systems, and recommended FAO to continue to address knowledge gaps, including through inclusive participation of Members and consultations with relevant stakeholders, and to develop, within FAO's mandate, a Voluntary Code of Conduct on the sustainable use of plastics in agriculture;
 - m) encouraged FAO to support deliberations of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) on plastic pollution to develop an international legally binding

- instrument on plastic pollution established by the United Nations Environment Assembly Resolution End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument with guidance on the issues of plastics used in agriculture;
- n) welcomed the progress on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 to 2030 and recommended FAO to address the restoration of agricultural production ecosystems within its policies and programmes;
 - o) noted the programme of work in the agri-food sectors under the Strategic Framework 2022 to 2031, and encouraged FAO to continue to strengthen its normative and standard setting work;
 - p) noting the programmatic and budgetary nature of its content, endorsed the new Global Soil Partnership (GSP) Action Framework 2022 to 2030, and supported the preparation of an in-depth analysis on the proposed institutionalization of the GSP, for further review by the 11th GSP Plenary Assembly and the 29th Session of COAG; and
 - q) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution on the observance by the UN System of an “*International Day of Potato*” on 30th May every year.

26. With the above observations, the Council endorsed 18 aspects and recommendations of the Report relating to programme and budgetary matters.

3.3.3 Report of the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (5th to 9th September 2022)

27. The Council reviewed the Report of the 35th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), and in particular:

- a) highlighted the importance of aquatic foods from sustainable fisheries and aquaculture for global food security, nutrition and livelihoods, and their contribution to the achievement of the SDGs, and the need for resources and partnerships to support this contribution;
- b) acknowledged the importance of inland and marine small-scale fisheries for global sustainable development, food security and nutrition and their contribution to employment, livelihoods and resource stewardship, appreciated the continued progress of FAO and its partners with regard to the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (SSF Guidelines) and their increased policy uptake as a contribution to the achievement of the SDGs and sustainable agri-food systems, and called for continued support by FAO in this regard;
- c) recommended FAO to continue providing technical assistance, capacity building and information dissemination on market information, especially for developing countries;
- d) stressed the need to strengthen efforts to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, welcomed the recently-adopted WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies as a major step forward for ocean sustainability, and commended FAO for its continued support in achieving this outcome;
- e) appreciated the continued increase in the number of Parties to the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) and noted the conclusions of the Third Meeting of the Parties to the PSMA, including the decision to develop strategies to improve the effectiveness of the PSMA; encouraged further adherence to the Agreement and welcomed the convening of the fourth meeting of the Parties to be hosted by Indonesia in May 2023;
- f) welcomed the endorsement of the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment;

- g) commended the work achieved by the Working Group on the Proposal for the establishment of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management (SCFM), welcomed the Terms of Reference of the SCFM, and highlighted the importance of the review process to be conducted at the 38th Session of COFI;
- h) endorsed the proposal for establishing a SCFM, including the proposal to hold the first SCFM meeting before the 36th Session of COFI in virtual modality, provided extrabudgetary funding is secured, and taking into consideration administrative implications, underscored the importance of addressing the potential financial and administrative burden, especially for developing Members, and recommended the Conference to approve the establishment of the SCFM; and
- i) welcomed the voluntary contributions from Members towards the organization of sessions of the Sub-Committee, and encouraged Members, Observers and other stakeholders to contribute to the multi-donor fund.

28. With the above observations, the Council endorsed aspects and recommendations of the Report relating to programme and budgetary matters.

3.3.4 Report of the 26th Session of the Committee on Forestry (3rd to 7th October 2022)

29. The Council reviewed the Report of the 26th Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO), and in particular:

- a) requested FAO to continue actively identifying the important and mutually beneficial linkages between agriculture and forestry and scaling up its related activities in the relevant Programme Priority Areas (PPAs) of its Strategic Framework 2022 to 2031;
- b) recommended FAO to continue collecting and analysing necessary science and evidence-based data on agriculture and forestry interdependencies, including on the direct and underlying drivers of deforestation and land degradation, by further enhancing consistency between agricultural and forest data sets, and compiling case studies and good practices, which should be reported at COFO 27;
- c) recommended FAO to strengthen its leadership role in the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF);
- d) urged FAO to support Members with tools, methodologies and capacity development initiatives to strengthen their capacity to scale-up forest ecosystem restoration efforts;
- e) encouraged FAO to promote awareness raising, capacity building, research and innovation for an effective contribution of sustainable bio-economy, wood and non-wood products and their value chains, to mitigate climate change and support climate adaptation, substituting carbon-intensive products; and increasing resilience to climate change, including through the inclusion of sustainable wood in FAO's Action Plan for the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change 2022 to 2031;
- f) recommended FAO to continue the development and harmonization of methods and definitions for forest data collection, including for primary forests, and recommended further efforts towards a definition of "*forest degradation*" during the FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2025 cycle. This includes using remote sensing and conducting related capacity development to help reduce the reporting burden, enhance information sharing, and increase transparency of forest-related data and reporting;
- g) highlighted the importance of field inventory data in quality control and validation of remote sensing-derived results;

- h) invited FAO to support Members, upon request, to further identify opportunities and implement actions to improve complementarity between the agriculture and forestry sectors and strengthen coordinated policy responses towards the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and recommended that these initiatives do not create unnecessary barriers to trade, and benefit the situation of small-scale producers who are key for global food production; and
 - i) endorsed the proposed priority areas of work in forestry in 2022 to 2023 and beyond, and welcomed their strong alignment with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022 to 2031.
30. With the above observations, the Council endorsed aspects and recommendations of the Report relating to programme and budgetary matters.
31. The Council recommended the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) to review the process of election of the Chairperson of COFO for consistency of processes across Technical Committees, recognizing their distinct nature, and to provide recommendations to the next session of the Council.

3.4 REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

3.4.1 Report of the Joint Meeting of the 134th Session of the Programme Committee and 194th Session of the Finance Committee (November 2022)

32. The Council reviewed the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 134th Session of the Programme Committee and 194th Session of the Finance Committee, noting that integrated water resources management for food security and climate resilience, Progress Report on Rome-Based Agencies collaboration and Strategic policy framework for multilingualism were taken up under separate items, and:
- a) noted its considerations on the Annual Report on Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse;
 - b) agreed with its observations on the updates on:
 - i. FAO Country Programming Frameworks (CPFs); and
 - ii. UN Food Systems Coordination Hub;
 - c) endorsed its recommendations on the Update on the Strategic Exercise of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP); and
 - d) requested that, in time for the next cycle of the Governing Bodies meetings in the spring of 2023, FAO makes available to Members, as appropriate, all endorsed CPFs in one single place.

33. With the above observations, the Council endorsed the recommendations of the Report.

3.4.2 Report of the 134th Session of the Programme Committee (7th to 11th November 2022)

34. The Council reviewed the Report of the 134th Session of the Programme Committee, and:
- a) noted its considerations on the One Country One Priority Product (OCOP) Initiative and the updates on:
 - i. Statistical tools and data for statistics;
 - ii. FAO statistics work for SDG indicators and the UN Statistics Commission;

- iii. Governance of FAO's statistical data and other data activities and their alignment with cross-cutting FAO policies on Protection of Data and Intellectual Property Rights;
 - iv. Development of regional action plans for the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy; and
 - v. Action plan for the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Climate Change 2022 to 2031;
- b) requested FAO to share the final draft action plans of the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy and the FAO Strategy on Climate Change for written inputs by Members, so that Members are informed and involved, noting that the action plans are living documents, and encouraged their prompt implementation;
 - c) agreed with its conclusions on the preparation for the Medium-Term Plan (Reviewed) 2022 to 2025 - Regional and Technical Priorities, the Real-time evaluation of FAO's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme – Final Report and Management Response, the Evaluation of FAO's South-South and Triangular Cooperation and Management Response, and the follow-up reports on the:
 - i. Evaluation of FAO's Support to Zero Hunger (SDG 2);
 - ii. Evaluation of FAO's Technical Cooperation Programme; and
 - iii. Evaluation of FAO's Strategy for Partnerships with Civil Society Organizations;
 - d) requested further refinement and development of the temporary proxy indicators proposed by FAO for SDG indicator 2.4.1, recognising that they must be approved by the UN Statistics Commission, and to keep Members informed to the extent possible;
 - e) encouraged FAO to continue the regular reporting to Members through its relevant Governing Bodies, and to convene an informal consultation with Members on FAO's statistics work for developing the SDG proxy indicators; and
 - f) endorsed its recommendations on the Work Plan of Evaluations 2022-2025 – Update and endorsed the FAO Strategic Priorities for Food Safety within the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31.

35. With the above observations, the Council endorsed the recommendations of the Report.

3.4.3 Reports of the 192nd (1st to 3rd June 2022), 193rd (27th to 28th October 2022) and 194th (7th to 11th November 2022) Sessions of the Finance Committee

36. The Council reviewed the above Reports, except for the Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization, which was taken up under a separate agenda item, and endorsed the recommendations of the Finance Committee to:

- a) recommend the Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference of the FAO Audited Accounts for 2021; and
- b) endorsed the appointment of Mr. Honoré Ndoko as a member of the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee for an initial period of three years.

37. In addition, the Council endorsed the conclusions of the Finance Committee on:

- a) the financial position of the Organization; and
- b) the update on the status of recommendations presented in the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) Report, Review of Whistleblower Policies and Practices in United Nations System Organizations (JIU/REP/2018/4) and JIU Report, Review of the State of

the Investigation Function: Progress made in the United Nations System Organizations in Strengthening the Investigation Function (JIU/REP/2020/1).

38. The Council also noted the Finance Committee's considerations on:
- a) Progress Reports on Implementation of Recommendations of the External Auditor and the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee; and
 - b) the update on scheduling of the FAO Management and Administration Review by the JIU.

39. With the above observations, the Council endorsed recommendations of the Report.

3.4.4 Report of the 117th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (24th to 26th October 2022)

40. The Council reviewed the Report of the 117th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), except for the Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization and the Code of Conduct for Voting, which were taken up under separate agenda items, and endorsed the recommendations of the CCLM on:

- a) the draft FAO Policy on Intellectual Property Rights;
- b) the proposal to amend the Constitution of the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD); and
- c) the implementation of recommendation 7 of the Joint Inspection Unit Report, Review of the State of the Investigation Function: Progress made in the United Nations System Organizations in Strengthening the Investigation Function, taking into account the relevant recommendation of the 194th Session of the Finance Committee.

41. Furthermore, the Council endorsed the conclusions of the CCLM on the Activities of the Development Law Branch.

42. The Council welcomed the CCLM's recalling of the role of the Governing Bodies of the Organization, in particular the Council Committees, in the Organization's formal decision-making process.

43. Finally, the Council noted the CCLM's considerations on:

- a) the Update on the FAO Data Protection Policy; and
- b) the Update on the Review of the jurisdictional setup of the United Nations common system.

44. With the above observations, the Council endorsed the recommendations of the Report.

3.5 GOVERNANCE MATTERS PROGRESS

3.5.1 Report on Rome-based Agencies collaboration

45. The Council:

- a) welcomed the Progress Report and noted the concrete achievements of Rome-based Agencies (RBA) collaboration, especially at the country level, in line with the recommendations of the Joint evaluation of collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies;

- b) stressed the importance of RBA collaboration in the context of the current food crisis and the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), based on each Agency's distinctive strengths and comparative advantages;
- c) took note of the RBA collaboration and active involvement, including through the UN Food System Coordination Hub, in the follow-up to the UNFSS and emphasized their crucial role in making the transformation to sustainable and resilient agri-food systems which should be made in a coherent manner, as appropriate, in accordance with, and dependent on, national contexts and capacities;
- d) encouraged the RBAs to advance the joint work within the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and to ensure that the CFS voluntary products are promoted;
- e) noted that a Feasibility Study on the Integration of Administrative Services among the RBAs is being carried out and looked forward to reviewing the results of this assessment at the next session of the Council;
- f) underscored that FAO shall be guided by its agreed mandate in RBA collaboration, including on non-UN system-wide initiatives; and
- g) welcomed the updates provided on the status of implementation of the joint evaluation and the strategic collaboration within the framework of the UN development system (UNDS) repositioning.

3.5.2 Arrangements for the 172nd Session of the Council (24th to 28th April 2023) and the 43rd Session of the Conference (1st to 7th July 2023)

46. The Council recommended the Conference to approve the Provisional Agenda, Arrangements for the 172nd Session of the Council to be held from 24th to 28th April 2023 and 43rd Session of the Conference to be held from 1st to 7th July 2023, and in particular that:
- a) two Commissions be established to examine, respectively:
 - i. Substantive and Policy Matters in Food and Agriculture; and
 - ii. Programme and Budgetary Matters;
 - b) the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council be set at 09:00 hours on Monday, 3rd July 2023, and the election be held on Thursday, 6th July 2023; and
 - c) the theme of the General Debate at the 43rd Session of the Conference, as well as the biennial theme 2024 to 2025, be "*water resources management for the four betters: better production, better nutrition, better environment and better life, to achieve Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals*" and that statements by heads of delegations during the General Debate be limited to five minutes each.
47. The Council decided to establish a deadline for receipt of nominations for the Office of the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) at 12:00 hours on Tuesday, 4th April 2023.
48. The Council agreed to recommend to the Conference that Palestine be invited to the Conference in an observer capacity.
49. The Council endorsed the procedures for the address by candidates for the office of the Director-General to the 172nd Session of the Council and the 43rd Session of the Conference.

3.5.3 Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization

50. The Council reviewed the document on Restoration by the Conference of the voting rights of Member Nations in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization, and:
- a) commended the ICC for his leadership in the open, transparent and inclusive consultations on the matter; and
 - b) looked forward to reviewing the draft Conference Resolution at its next Session in April 2023, following its review by the CCLM and the Finance Committee, with a view to submit it to the Conference at its 43rd Session for approval.

3.5.4 Code of Conduct for Voting

51. The Council commended the ICC on his continued efforts in leading open, inclusive and transparent consultations in order to achieve consensus on a draft text for submission to the 43rd Session of the Conference in July 2023.
52. The Council requested the ICC to continue these consultations with a view to a consensus text being submitted to the next Session of the Council, following review by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters.

3.5.5 Participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies

53. The Council appreciated the oral update provided by the ICC regarding his consultations with the Membership on the participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies.
54. The Council noted the complexity of the subject and requested that a consensus should be reached on the general principles, including the feasibility and desirability of participation of the private sector observers in sessions of FAO Governing Bodies, prior to embarking on designing draft guidelines.
55. In this regard, the Council requested a background document addressing questions, remarks and observations raised by Members, and requested the ICC to consult thereon.

3.5.6 Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 169th and 170th Sessions of the Council

56. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 169th and 170th Sessions, and noted the responses provided by the Secretariat to specific queries raised by Members during this session.

3.6 OTHER MATTERS

3.6.1 Election of six Members of the WFP Executive Board

57. The Council, pursuant to Resolution 7/2011 of 2nd July 2011, elected six members of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Board, for a period of three years (from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025) in accordance with the following distribution: List A: Gabon and Kenya; List B: Saudi Arabia; List C: Brazil; and List D: Canada and Germany.

3.6.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2021

58. The Council:

- a) acknowledged the WFP's programme performance results in meeting its Strategic Objectives, supported by Management Results Dimensions;
- b) recognized the commitment of WFP staff in the field that worked in challenging circumstances to respond to complex humanitarian crises throughout 2021, despite significant reversals in poverty reduction and food security and nutrition caused by the quadruple threat of COVID-19, crisis, climate and costs;
- c) welcomed WFP's commitment to annual targets for key programme output indicators to show where resources are directed and demonstrate the breadth of WFP's work; and
- d) supported WFP's continued efforts to strengthen its work on partnerships at all levels and its contributions to efforts to achieve Zero Hunger and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

3.6.3 Strategic policy framework for multilingualism

59. The Council welcomed the strategic policy framework for multilingualism, and in particular:

- a) stressed that multilingualism is a fundamental principle of FAO as an international, intergovernmental agency and implies the use of all agreed FAO languages in the delivery of the Organization's mandate;
- b) noted the importance of the provision of multilingual products and services both at headquarters and decentralized levels, including local languages where possible, emphasized the importance of balance in the provision of linguistic services and products in all FAO languages on the basis of balanced and adequate resource allocation, and recognized the potential for the application of technological advancements to facilitate multilingualism;
- c) emphasized the importance of respect for multilingualism in the recruitment of human resources, particularly for underrepresented regions;
- d) noted that progress on the implementation of the strategic policy framework will be reported to Members through a number of reporting instruments including the Programme Implementation Report and the Human Resources Annual Report;
- e) requested clarification on how the strategic policy framework will be addressed in the next updates to the Programme of Work and Budget and the Medium Term Plan;
- f) recognized that the strategic policy framework will be subject to review, in consultation with the Membership and through the Governing Bodies, as appropriate, with a view to filling the gaps, and stressed the need to define performance indicators and a monitoring framework; and
- g) endorsed the strategic policy framework for multilingualism.

3.6.4 Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO

60. The Council received Briefing Notes on the following topics for information only:

- a) The VII Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture of the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO);
- b) Update on the 27th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the 15th Conference of the Parties to the

Convention on Biological Diversity and negotiations for a Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;

- c) Update on the Science and Innovation Forum, and FAO's leadership and collaboration to "*Repurpose food and agricultural support to transform agri-food systems*".

61. Members requested additional substantial information about the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SCO and FAO, taking into account any legal obligations, in line with the FAO Data Protection Policy.
62. As for the general issue of MoUs, the Council looked forward to discussing the dissemination of MoUs signed by FAO, at its 174th Session, following review by the relevant Governing Bodies.

3.6.5 Margarita Lizárraga Medal

63. The Council endorsed the nomination of Dr. Meryl J. Williams at Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF), Malaysia, and recommended that the Medal be presented by the Director-General at an award ceremony to be held before 31st December 2023.

3.6.6 Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2022-2024

64. The Council approved the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2022 to 2024.

3.6.7 Tentative Agenda for the 172nd Session of the Council

65. The Council endorsed the Tentative Agenda of its 172nd Session taking into account the decisions of the Council.

3.6.8 Update on the Sub-Committee on Livestock

66. The Council received an update on the Committee on Agriculture Sub-Committee on Livestock.

3.6.9 Appointment by a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

67. The Council appointed Mr. Kuraya Yoshihiro, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to FAO, to replace and complete the term of Mr. Thanawat Tiensin, former Permanent Representative of Thailand to FAO, as Alternate Member Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of his term (1st January 2021 until 31st December 2023).

3.6.10 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies

68. Ms. Florence Tartanac, President of the AP-in-FAO, made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

CHAPTER FOUR

4 OBSERVATIONS

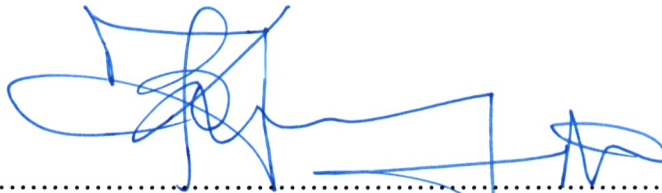
1. Inadequate food production is one of the biggest crises that is being experienced in most countries of the world including Kenya. The FAO, which is mandated to among others, improve nutrition and increase agricultural productivity was working on ways of mitigating this especially in the most affected countries together with the respective governments and other world leaders and organisations.
2. Water scarcity in Kenya has impacted negatively on agriculture in Kenya. This was made worse by the drought that was experienced in most parts of the country.
3. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development is not adequately funded to support critical projects and programmes under the production sector. Additional allocations would ultimately contribute to enhanced food production and security in the country.

CHAPTER FIVE

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Government of Kenya through the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development should come up with policies that will reduce the cost of farm inputs. This will reduce the cost of farming in the country and increase food production.
2. The Government of Kenya should recognise the importance of water in agricultural production and put in place policies that will encourage irrigation as opposed to depending on rain fed agriculture. The Government should also come up with ways of harvesting water during the rainy season so that it can be used for farming during the dry season.
3. The Government should increase funding to the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development with a view to ensuring adequate food production and security in the country through subsidised farm inputs and equipment.

SIGNED:.....



DATE:.....

21/8/2023.

**HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUTHIA MUTUNGA, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
LIVESTOCK**

ANNEX ONE:
REPORT
ADOPTION
SCHEDULE



THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION - 2023

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

ADOPTION SCHEDULE FOR THE REPORT ON THE 171ST SESSION OF THE FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION COUNCIL

DATE: 2ND AUGUST 2023

VENUE: FOURTH FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE

S/NO.	NAME	SIGNATURE
1.	HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUITHIA MUTUNGA, MP - CHAIRPERSON	
2.	HON. BRIGHTON LEONARD YEGON, MP - VICE- CHAIRPERSON	
3.	HON. SABINA WANJIRU CHEGE, CBS, MP	
4.	HON. FERDINAND KEVIN WANYONYI, MP	
5.	HON. GEOFFREY MAKOKHA ODANGA, MP	
6.	HON. JUSTICE KIPSANG KEMEI, MP	
7.	HON. JARED OKELLO ODOYO, MP	
8.	HON. LAWRENCE MPURU ABURI, MP	
9.	HON. DAVID KIPLAGAT, MP	
10.	HON. GABRIEL GATHUKA KAGOMBE, MP	
11.	HON. MONICAH MUTHONI MARUBU, MP	
12.	HON. PAMELA NJOKI NJERU, MP	
13.	HON. PATRICK KIBAGENDI OSERO, MP	
14.	HON. PETER KALERWA SALASYA, MP	
15.	HON. YUSSUF MOHAMED FARAH, MP	

ANNEX TWO:
MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE'S
SITTING



**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION - 2023**

DIRECTORATE OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

MINUTES OF THE 40TH SITTING OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM ON FOURTH FLOOR, CONTINENTAL HOUSE, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 2ND AUGUST 2023 AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) John Kanyuithia Mutunga | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon, MP | - | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Sabina Wanjiru Chege, CBS, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Jared Okello Odoyo, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Justice Kipsang Kemei, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. Lawrence Mpuru Aburi, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. David Kiplagat, MP | | |
| 8. Hon. Monicah Muthoni Marubu, MP | | |
| 9. Hon. Patrick Kibagendi Osero, MP | | |
| 10. Hon. Peter Kalerwa Salasya, MP | | |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

1. Hon. Ferdinand Kevin Wanyonyi, MP
2. Hon. Geoffrey Makokha Odanga
3. Hon. Gabriel Gathuka Kagombe
4. Hon. Pamela Njoki Njeru, MP
5. Hon. Yussuf Mohamed Farah, MP

IN ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

- | | | |
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| 1. Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, MP | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal, MP | | |
| 3. Hon. Joshua Oron, MP | | |
| 4. Hon. Pauline Lenguris, MP | | |
| 5. Hon. Mary Maingi, MP | | |
| 6. Hon. (Prof.) Guyo Waqo Jaldesa, MP | | |
| 7. Hon. Antoney Kibagendi, MP | | |

SECRETARIAT

1. Ms. Laureen O. Wesonga	-	Clerk Assistant I
2. Mr. Hassan Arale	-	Clerk Assistant I
3. Mr. Victor Kanda Kilimo	-	Clerk Assistant III
4. Mr. Ahmednoor Hassan	-	Clerk Assistant III
5. Ms. Gladys Kiprotich	-	Clerk Assistant III
6. Mr. David Ng'eno	-	Research Officer II
7. Mr. Gerald Kadede	-	Legal Counsel II
8. Ms. Faith Chepkemioi	-	Legal Counsel II
9. Ms. Noelle Chelagat	-	Media Relations Officer II
10. Mr. Muhumed Shillow	-	Research Officer III
11. Ms. Lilian Aluga	-	Protocol Officer III
12. Mr. Richard Sang	-	Serjeant-at-Arms
13. Mr. Kelvin Sekani	-	Audio Recording Officer

AGENDA

1. Prayers
2. Preliminaries/Introductions
 - i. Adoption of the Agenda
 - ii. Remarks by the Chairperson
3. Confirmation of Minutes/Matters Arising
4. **Clause by clause consideration of the Food and Feed Safety Control Co-ordination Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2023)**
5. **Adoption of the Report on the Food and Feed Safety Control Co-ordination Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2023)**
6. **Adoption of the Report on the 171st Session of the Food and Agriculture Organisation Council**
7. Any other Business
8. Adjournment/Date of the Next Sitting

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/159:

PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was called to order at sixteen minutes past ten o'clock with a word of prayer by the Chairperson.

The Agenda of the meeting was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Justice Kemei, MP and seconded by Hon. Patrick Osero, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/160:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SITTING

Minutes of the 39th Sitting held on 26th July 2023 were confirmed as a true reflection of the proceedings having been proposed by Hon. Monicah Marubu, MP and seconded by Hon. Justice Kemei, MP.

The meeting deliberated and agreed as follows on the Bill:

1. **Clause 2:** Agreed to
2. **Clause 3:** Agreed to
3. **Clause 4**
Amend the clause by deleting the words “*and every person*”.

Justification

To limit the scope of the Bill to regulation of competent authorities by the Controller.

4. **Clause 5**
 - a) Amend paragraph 5(a) by deleting the words “*life and*”.

Justification

Protection of human health includes protection of human life.

- b) Amend by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (f)
 “*(g) Promotion of sustainable production, processing and handling of food and feeds*”.
 “*(h) Protection of human life and health, animal life and health*”.

Justification

To provide for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem safeguards.

5. **Clause 6:** Agreed to
6. **Clause 7:** Agreed to
7. **Clause 8:** Agreed to

8. **Clause 9**
 - a) Amend sub-clause 9(d) to read as follows, “*liaise with competent authorities to identify and advice on policy gaps and inadequate regulations of food feed safety official control*”.

Justification

The Food Safety Controller is mandated to coordinate the competent authorities.

- b) Amend sub-clause 9(i) to read as follows, “*perform such other duties as may be necessary to ensure coordination of official control of food safety and feed safety*”.

Justification

The Food Safety Controller is mandated to coordinate the competent authorities.

9. **Clause 10:** Agreed to
10. **Clause 11:** Agreed to
11. **Clause 12:** Agreed to
12. **Clause 13:** Agreed to

- 13. **Clause 14:** Agreed to
- 14. **Clause 15:** Agreed to
- 15. **Clause 16:** Agreed to
- 16. **Clause 17:** Agreed to
- 17. **Clause 18:** Agreed to
- 18. **Clause 19:** Agreed to

19. Clause 20

Amend sub-clause 20(3) by inserting the word “*all the county governors*” immediately after the words “*competent authority and*”.

Justification

To provide for the sharing of the audit report with respective county governors for effective implementation at the county level.

- 20. **Clause 21:** Agreed to
- 21. **Clause 22:** Agreed to
- 22. **Clause 23:** Agreed to
- 23. **Clause 24:** Agreed to
- 24. **Clause 25:** Agreed to
- 25. **Clause 26:** Agreed to

26. Clause 27

Amend paragraph 27(b) by inserting the word “of” immediately after the words “make copies”.

Justification

To correct a typographical error.

- 27. **Clause 28:** Agreed to
- 28. **Clause 29:** Agreed to
- 29. **Clause 30:** Agreed to
- 30. **Clause 31:** Agreed to
- 31. **Clause 32:** Agreed to
- 32. **Clause 33:** Agreed to

33. First Schedule

Amend by including the Veterinary Medicine Directorate in the list of competent authorities.

Justification

The Directorate is responsible for animal health products e.g. pesticides and drugs hence qualifies to be one of the competent authorities.

34. Second Schedule: Agreed to

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/162:

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE
FOOD AND FEED SAFETY CONTROL CO-
ORDINATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
BILL NO. 21 OF 2023)**

The Report on the Food and Feed Safety Control Co-ordination Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2023) was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Jared Okello, MP and seconded by Hon. Patrick Osero, MP

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/163:

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE 171ST
SESSION OF THE FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION COUNCIL**

The Report on the 171st Session of the Food and Agriculture Organisation Council was adopted having been proposed by Hon. Brighton Yegon, MP and seconded by Hon. Peter Salasya, MP.

MIN. NO. NA/A&L/2023/164:

**ADJOURNMENT/DATE OF THE NEXT
MEETING**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at fourteen minutes to noon. The next meeting will be held on notice.

SIGNED:

DATE:

31/1/2023

**HON. (DR.) JOHN KANYUTHIA MUTUNGA, MP
CHAIRPERSON, DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE &
LIVESTOCK**