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The attention of the Executive Board is drawn to the following addendum to the Progress Report on IFAD's Engagement in the United Nations Food Systems Summit (FSS) 2021 (EB 2021/134/R.62).

Page 4, paragraph 25 and 26

The above paragraphs are superseded by the following text:

25. Follow-up mechanism. In his [Chair Summary and Statement of Action](#), the Secretary-General stated that “the Rome-based Agencies [RBAs] — FAO, IFAD, WFP — will jointly lead a coordination hub that collaborates with, and draws upon, wider UN system capacities to support follow-up to the Food Systems Summit”. To ensure coherent actions for successful implementation of the outcomes of the Summit, the RBAs, under the leadership of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) and in close consultation with the Special Envoy and other leading experts from across the United Nations system, have considered the following coordination, support and reporting arrangements. These are designed to best advance food systems transformation to achieve the 2030 Agenda by drawing on contributions from the United Nations system, Member States and a broad range of actors within existing structures and processes.
- The Food Systems Coordination Hub will act as an independent, critical nexus inside the United Nations system dedicated to food systems transformation in the context of the 2030 Agenda. It will replace the time-bound FSS Secretariat, which will sunset at the end of March 2022.
 - The Food Systems Coordination Hub will act as a coordinator and connector taking on the essential function of bringing together the knowledge and expertise needed to support countries in food systems transformation.
 - The Food Systems Coordination Hub will focus on delivery at the country level, and will have four strategic objectives:
 - (i) Support national governments and United Nations Country Teams to accelerate transformative action within food systems to advance progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
 - (ii) Maintain, expand and deepen the inclusivity of the global ecosystem of diverse stakeholders that are supportive of transforming food systems at all levels;
 - (iii) Sustain a consistent, compelling and contextualized narrative around food systems transformation for the SDGs that the entire United Nations system, and stakeholders more broadly, can embrace and amplify; and
 - (iv) Lead a global stock taking moment on food system transformation every two years to update the global community on progress.
 - The Food Systems Coordination Hub will not:
 - Replicate existing United Nations functions and capacities;
 - Be an implementing agency or a gatekeeper;
 - Advocate for itself as an entity; or

- Develop heavy reporting structures.
- To meet the strategic objectives outlined above, the Food Systems Coordination Hub will have five main functions:
 - (i) Support national dialogues and pathways, leveraging the totality of United Nations system capacities, including at country, regional and global levels, to coordinate the provision of technical and policy support requested by countries;
 - (ii) Mobilize an ecosystem of support for national platforms to implement country pathways;
 - (iii) Provide strategic thought leadership to draw global attention to priority topics for food systems transformation;
 - (iv) Conduct communication and advocacy to advance common messaging on food systems issues and accelerate engagement by both technical audiences and the wider public at large; and
 - (v) Ensure stakeholder engagement and advice to benefit from the views of a wide range of important and self-organizing constituency voices.
- The Food Systems Coordination Hub will be comprised of a nimble team that understands the landscape, makes connections, showcases success and opportunities for learning, and shapes select public goods.
- The Food Systems Coordination Hub will track and report on progress to enable feedback and continuous improvement through existing mechanisms in three primary reporting streams:
 - An annual progress report through the Secretary-General to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development on the hub's annual activities and results achieved;
 - An annual country results report from resident coordinators to the Secretary-General and through the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG) Chair; and
 - A comprehensive progress evaluation report to the oversight group on progress and lessons every two years.
- The Food Systems Coordination Hub will be hosted at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome on behalf of the United Nations system, within the Office of the FAO Director-General with full-time staff seconded from the RBAs and other United Nations agencies. It will seek to maintain a lean and agile structure and budget.
- The RBA principals will continue to lead a United Nations system-wide follow-up structure. They will be supported by the RBA Senior Consultative Group and joined by the leaders of the United Nations Development Coordination Office (DCO), as well as the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on behalf of the United Nations system to leverage system-wide guidance and expertise. To ensure strong oversight and coordination without creating new structures, these leaders will meet twice annually as a group ahead of informal joint meetings of the RBA governing bodies and report on progress with FSS follow-up. The RBA principals will also consult with the leadership of their respective governing bodies, and with the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), on a regular basis.
- The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General will continue to steward this process until the end of the year, with the Food Systems Coordination Hub and these new arrangements to enter into effect by 1 January 2022 for

phased roll out. At this time, the FSS Secretariat will be absorbed into the Hub until March 2022.

26. As further details of the Food Systems Coordination Hub are developed, IFAD will consider additional steps to ensure adequate resourcing and support, in consultation with the Executive Board.

Schematic – Food Systems Coordination Hub

