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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) works to eradicate hunger and malnutrition, achieve global food security and for the sustainable utilization of natural resources. The Liaison office in Geneva (LOG) serves as the organization's focal point for the inter-agency mechanisms in Geneva; ensures that relevant FAO Governing body decisions and the overall work of the organization are brought to the policy dialogues, mechanisms and relevant discussions in Geneva; and promotes partnerships with UN and other organizations. The LOG also serves as the focal point for Member States accredited to FAO from Geneva.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Elimination of hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity
- Increasing the sustainability of agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- Reduction of rural poverty
- Promotion of inclusive and efficient food systems
- Building resilience of livelihoods to threats and crises

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

FAO collaborates closely with WHO on issues related to public health, nutrition and food safety. In particular, FAO focuses on the monitoring of outbreaks evolving from animal and plant diseases. The organizations share the responsibilities for the CODEX Alimentarius Secretariat which develops food standards to protect the health of consumers, are the custodians of the Decade on Nutrition and collaborate in several other areas including antimicrobial resistance, public health policy which includes the development of nutrition guidelines to respond to emerging non-communicable diseases, physical inactivity and unhealthy diets. The also collaborate under the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (CTC). Additionally, FAO's core work is addressing food insecurity by taking a lead role in the efforts to eradicating poverty, hunger and malnutrition in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030 in general.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The Director of the FAO Geneva office is Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett. The Geneva office employs approximately 7-10 people at any given time. Overall FAO employs approximately 11,500 staff members of which 34 percent are based at headquarters in Rome, while the remainder work in offices worldwide. Qu Dongyu is the FAO Director General since August 2019.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

FAO's overall programme of work is funded by assessed and voluntary contributions. The total FAO Budget planned for 2018-19 is USD 2.6 billion. 39% comes from assessed contributions paid by Member Countries, while 61% is expected to be mobilized through voluntary contributions from Members and partners.

PUBLICATIONS

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