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Progress report on the establishment of a global pollinator platform by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations¹

1. The present note, prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), reports on recent developments of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Commission) and is submitted to support the deliberations by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice under item 9 of the provisional agenda for its seventeenth meeting.
2. Pursuant to its Work Plan for the Sustainable Use and Conservation of Microorganism and Invertebrate Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the Commission, at its Eighteenth and Nineteenth Regular Sessions, accorded particular attention to invertebrate pollinators as a functional group of invertebrate genetic resources of significant importance. At its Eighteenth Regular Session, the Commission welcomed the development of a background study paper² that provides a comprehensive review of the status, trends, and key issues concerning pollinators, with particular emphasis on their role in pollination services as distinct from their roles in the production of honey and wax. The study highlights the essential contribution of invertebrate pollinators to ecosystem functioning, resilient agricultural production systems, food security and nutrition.
3. The Commission requested FAO to consider the need for a global pollinator platform to address pollinators and pollination services at global level. It noted that such a platform should facilitate and coordinate international, regional and national action, promote capacity-building, support reference studies at regional and national levels, collect and share information on the conservation and sustainable use of pollinator genetic resources and agree on activities at global scale in line with and in support of existing activities and initiatives, in particular the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators and any further work on pollinators that the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services may undertake.
4. At its Nineteenth Regular Session, the Commission recommended that FAO explore possible modalities of the platform and reiterated that such platform would build upon the existing International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators, particularly its Updated Plan of Action 2018–2030.
5. Subsequently, the Commission, at its Twentieth Regular Session, recommended that FAO invite, subject to the availability of resources, FAO Members, relevant international organizations, technical experts, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, stakeholders and other potential partners, including the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to a meeting to consider next steps in the establishment of a global pollinator platform that responds to the priorities and needs identified and builds upon the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators and other relevant initiatives. The Commission further requested its Secretariat to engage, subject to the availability of resources, in the establishment of the global pollinator platform, including to contribute to work on pollinator genetic resources for agrifood systems, and report on progress made to the next session of the Commission.
6. The FAO Conference, at its Forty-fourth Session, endorsed the Commission's report. Accordingly, subject to the availability of resources, FAO will convene, in 2026, a first meeting to consider next steps in the establishment of a global pollinator platform.

¹ For information on FAO activities under the Global Soil Partnership, see document CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/14.

² Aizen, M.A., Basu, P., Bienefeld, K., Biesmeijer, J.C., Garibaldi, L.A., Gemmill-Herren, B., Imperatriz-Fonseca, V.L., Klein, A.-L., Potts, S.G., Seymour C.L. & Vanbergen, A.J. 2023. *Sustainable use and conservation of invertebrate pollinators*. Background Study Paper, No. 72. Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. Rome, FAO.
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