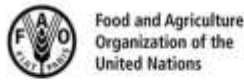


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# SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION



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<b>Second International Conference on Nutrition</b>
<b>Rome, 19-21 November 2014</b>
<b>Arrangements for the Second International Conference on Nutrition</b>

## I. Introduction

1. At its 38<sup>th</sup> session in June 2013, the FAO Conference fully supported the joint initiative by FAO and WHO to organize the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2). It expected high level participation in the Conference and encouraged countries to ensure effective preparations involving not only agriculture and health, but all those who should be mobilized to improve nutrition. Subsequently, the FAO Council, at its 148<sup>th</sup> session in December 2013, requested the FAO Secretariat to work closely with WHO in developing a roadmap that would allow for both an intergovernmental process and consultations with civil society and private sector organizations.

2. At its 134<sup>th</sup> session in January 2014, the WHO Executive Board called for the establishment of a Joint Working Group composed of Members representing the Regional Groups of both WHO and FAO to develop, in a transparent manner and through consultations with relevant stakeholders, the ICN2 political outcome document. The latter should contain general principles on how to reshape the food system to better respond to the needs of the world population, considering emerging health, nutritional and environmental challenges. This was reiterated by the World Health Assembly at its 67<sup>th</sup> session in May 2014.

3. The Joint Working Group, including two representatives from each Regional Group of FAO and WHO, was established to prepare the outcome documents of the Conference, i.e. a Political Declaration and a Framework for Action. Intensive preparations for the organization of the Conference have been carried out by the joint FAO/WHO Secretariat, guided by the membership of the two Organizations. During the preparatory process, policy direction was also provided by the ICN2 Steering Committee, comprising several international organizations dealing with nutrition-related matters.

## II. Organizational arrangements

4. The Conference will be held from Wednesday 19 to Friday 21 November 2014 at FAO headquarters in Rome.

5. The Conference is jointly convened and organized by FAO and WHO. At the date of publication, financial support for the organization of the Conference in 2014 had been received from the following resource partners: the European Union, Italy, Germany, Norway, the Russian Federation, Spain and Switzerland.

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6. In addition to plenary meetings, special events will precede the Conference outside FAO premises, namely: (i) a pre-ICN2 meeting of civil society organizations will take place in Rome on 17-18 November 2014; (ii) a pre-ICN2 private sector meeting will be held in Rome on 18 November 2014; and (iii) a pre-ICN2 meeting of parliamentarians is expected to take place in Rome on 18 November 2014.

7. Three thematic roundtables will be held during the Conference around the following topics: (i) Nutrition in the Post-2015 Development Agenda; (ii) Improving Policy Coherence for Nutrition; and (iii) Governance and Accountability for Nutrition. Moreover, nine side events will be arranged during the Conference.

### **III. Provisional agenda and timetable**

8. The Provisional Agenda and Provisional Timetable of the Conference are set out in documents ICN2 2014/1 and ICN2 2014/INF/1, which can be downloaded from the ICN2 Website at: <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/icn2/en/>.

### **IV. Participation**

9. Invitations to the Conference have been addressed to a few Heads of State and Government as special guests, the Ministers responsible for agriculture, health and other nutrition-related matters of FAO and WHO Member Nations, as well as to the Executive Heads of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies and of other International and Regional Organizations.

10. Members and Associate Members of FAO and WHO and non-Member Nations that are Member States of the United Nations or of its Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency have been invited.

11. Each participating country, Member Organization and Associate Member shall be represented by a Head of Delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required. The Head of Delegation may designate an alternate representative or adviser to act as a representative. Country delegations can be as large as needed but seating in the Plenary Hall is limited to three seats per country. The rest of the delegation could, however, follow the proceedings in an overflow room (Red or Green Rooms).

### **V. Observers**

12. Intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in official relations with FAO and/or WHO have also been invited to participate in an observer capacity. In addition, other international non-governmental, civil society and private sector organizations (INGOs/ICSOs) may request accreditation, provided that they are representatives of major FAO and WHO constituencies with knowledge and experience in areas related to global nutrition issues. INGOs/ICSOs applying for accreditation will need to be well-established organizations with an international scope of work. They should be prepared to provide a copy of the legal documents establishing the organization and any other information considered appropriate. Access to meeting rooms will be limited by the number of available seats in each room.

### **VI. Statements**

13. Due to the limited availability of speaking time, statements will be limited to five minutes for Heads of Delegation and four minutes in the case of representatives of the United Nations system agencies and intergovernmental organizations. When a representative or observer has spoken for his/her allotted time, the Chair may call him/her to order. The Request for Speaking Time form for heads of country delegations are available at: <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/login/en/>. Completed forms should be scanned and returned by email to: [ICN2-Speaking-Time@fao.org](mailto:ICN2-Speaking-Time@fao.org).

14. INGOs and ICSOs invited to the Conference may designate representatives to attend as observers. The Chair shall invite such organizations to form themselves into a limited number of constituencies. Upon invitation by the Chair, such constituencies may, through spokespersons, make oral statements of up to four minutes.

15. The above arrangements will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts by the speakers. In order to ensure accurate interpretation of statements and timely posting after delivery, statements should be submitted electronically to [FAO-Interpretation@fao.org](mailto:FAO-Interpretation@fao.org) in one of the languages of the Conference, indicating the name of the country/organization on the intervention itself for distribution to interpreters prior to the sessions.

### **VII. Officers**

16. The Conference will elect a Chair and six Vice-Chairs. It will also elect two Co-Chairs for each Roundtable.

### **VIII. Registration**

17. Building passes will be issued to officially registered members of delegations of countries and organizations invited to the Conference. Registration of country delegates is done through the Online Registration System available on the password-protected FAO Members Gateway at <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/login/en>. Permanent Representatives to WHO wishing to register are invited to liaise with their counterparts accredited to FAO to ensure that a unified list of participants is proposed for each country. Countries which do not have a Permanent Mission should send an e-mail to: [ICN2-Registration@fao.org](mailto:ICN2-Registration@fao.org). Online registration requires the uploading of a recent passport-size digital photograph.

18. For INGO and ICSO participants and other invited observers, details of Registration modalities can be found on the ICN2 Website at: <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/icn2/en/>.

### **IX. Applicable rules of procedure**

19. The Conference will be governed by the General Rules of FAO.

### **X. Documents**

20. The documents of the Conference will be posted, as they become available, on the ICN2 Website at: <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/icn2/en/>. A limited quantity of printed documents will also be made available during the Conference at the Documents Desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre, located on the first floor of Building A (at the entrance of the Red and Green Rooms).

### **XI. Languages**

21. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Conference.