

REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL OF FAO

Hundred and Forty-second Session
Rome, 4 July 2011



COUNCIL

(as from 1 January 2011)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Luc Guyau

Afghanistan¹

Argentina³

Australia¹

Brazil³

Canada³

Cape Verde³

Chile²

China²

Côte d'Ivoire⁴

Cuba³

Egypt¹

El Salvador¹

Equatorial Guinea³

France¹

Gabon²

Germany²

Ghana¹

Greece³

India¹

Indonesia¹

Iran (Islamic Republic of)³

Ireland³

Italy¹

Japan²

Jordan²

Mauritania¹

Mauritius²

Mexico³

Mozambique²

Norway¹

Pakistan¹

Philippines²

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Slovakia²

Spain²

Sri Lanka²

Syrian Arab Republic³

Thailand²

Trinidad and Tobago³

Tunisia³

Uganda³

United Kingdom¹

United Republic of Tanzania¹

United States of America³

Uruguay²

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)²

Zimbabwe¹

¹ Term of office: 1 January 2009 - November 2011.

² Term of office: November 2009 - 30 June 2012.

³ Term of office: 1 January 2011 - June 2013.

⁴ Elected for a term of office from 1 July 2011 to June 2013.

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Introductory Items

1. The 142nd Session of the Council was held in Rome on 4 July 2011 under the chairpersonship of Mr Luc Guyau, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

Adoption of the Agenda ¹

2. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda for the Session. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons ²

3. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for the Session: Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante (Argentina), Mr Friedrich-Karl Bruns (Germany) and Mr Esteban Pagarán (Philippines).

Election of Committees

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee ³

4. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Programme Committee for the period July 2011 - June 2013:

Chairperson:	Ms Cecilia Nordin Van Gansberghe	(Sweden)
Members:	Afghanistan	(Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)
	Algeria	(Mr Azeddine Riache)
	Argentina	(Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)
	Bangladesh	(Ms Sultana Afroz)
	Belgium	(Ms Martine Van Dooren)
	Canada	(Mr Marco Valicenti)
	China	(Mr Li Zhengdong)
	Egypt	(Mr Essam Osman Fayed)
	Ethiopia	(Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)
	Germany	(Ms Swantje Nilsson)
New Zealand	(Mr Neil Fraser)	
Panama	(Mr Gerardo E. Vega Berrio)	

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee ⁴

5. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Finance Committee for the period July 2011 - June 2013:

Chairperson:	Mr Médi MOUNGUI	(Cameroon)
Members:	Australia	(Mr Travis Power)

¹ CL 142/1; CL 142/INF/1; CL 142/PV/1.

² CL 142/PV/1.

³ CL 142/LIM/1; CL 142/PV/1.

⁴ CL 142/LIM/2; CL 142/PV/1.

Brazil	(Mr Olyntho Vieira)
Burkina Faso	(Mr Laurent Diandioua Couliati)
India	(Mr Shobhana K. Pattanayak)
Japan	(Mr Hideya Yamada)
Kuwait	(Ms Manar Sabah Mohammad Al-Sabah)
Mexico	(Mr Jorge Eduardo Chen Charpentier)
Morocco	(Mr Amal Belcaïd)
Netherlands	(Mr Ronald Elkhuisen)
Russian Federation	(Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)
Sudan	(Mr Mohamed Eltayeb Elfaki Elnor)
United States Of America	(Ms Karen E. Johnson)

Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters⁵

6. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters for the period July 2011 - June 2013:

Chairperson:	Mr Hassan Janabi	(Iraq)
Members:	Ecuador	(Ms Mónica Martínez Menduïño)
	Ireland	(Mr Jarlath O'Connor)
	Pakistan	(Mr Khalid Mehboob)
	Papua New Guinea	(Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe)
	Syrian Arab Republic	(Mr Ammar Awad)
	United States of America	(Mr Gregory Groth)
	Zambia	(Ms Kampamba Pam Mwananshiku)

Other Matters

Matters Arising out of the Conference Session⁶⁻⁷

7. The Council noted the mandate received from the 37th Session of the FAO Conference to approve, at its 143rd Session, the updated Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and to endorse and act upon any other recommendations that the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture Commission may adopt at its 13th Regular Session (July 2011).

⁵ CL 142/LIM/3; CL 142/PV/1.

⁶ CL 142/PV/1; C 2011/REP paragraph 71.

⁷ Further to 35 Council members (Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay and Zimbabwe) expressing themselves in favour of, and none against, amending Article XIV.6(a) of the WFP General Regulations, the 37th Session of the Conference endorsed the amendment (see C 2011/REP para 114).

Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO⁸

8. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following subjects:
- Outcome of the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Food Security (Paris, June 2011);
 - Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance;
 - 9th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UN, New York, January-February 2011);
 - e-Agriculture: Enhancing the Role of Information and Communication Technologies in Rural Development and Food Security;
 - Coherence in Information for Agricultural Research for Development Initiative: making the Outputs of Agricultural Research Truly Accessible;
 - UN Inter-Agency Communication for Development Round Table;
 - Collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies.
9. The Council welcomed the positive outcome the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Food Security. It praised FAO's enhanced leadership role as a major partner in this regard and called for follow-up actions in particular through the Committee on World Food Security. In this connection, the launch of the "Agricultural Market Information System" (AMIS), including a "Rapid Response Forum", was noted, with a "Global Food Market Information Team" expected to be set up by September 2011.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013⁹

10. The Council noted the Revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and Other Main Sessions for 2011 and the Provisional Calendar for 2012 and 2013, as reproduced in *Appendix C* to this Report. The Calendar for 2012 would be submitted to the 143rd Session of Council for formal approval.
11. Greater flexibility was called for in scheduling sessions of the Programme and Finance Committees and their Joint Meetings.

Provisional Agenda for the 143rd Session of the Council (November 2011)¹⁰

12. The Council reviewed the draft Provisional Agenda for its 143rd Session, set out in document CL 142/INF/4, and agreed to add a sub-item to Item 11 on the Council Multi-year Programme of Work.
13. Interest was expressed in an informal seminar on Rio+20: Greening the Economy with Agriculture prior to the 143rd Session of Council.

Working Methods of the Council¹¹

14. The Council noted the approval by the 37th Session of Conference of the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Council for 2010-2013 and advised that it be a standing item on the agenda of Council.

Any Other Matters¹²

15. The Council requested the Independent Chairperson to invite the Director-General Elect to attend the 143rd Session of Council.
16. The Council noted that the Conference had directed FAO to take a leading role in supporting women in agriculture and rural development, a matter which should receive continuous attention in Governing Body meetings.

⁸ CL 142/INF/3; CL 142/PV/2.

⁹ CL 142/2; CL 142/PV/1.

¹⁰ CL 142/INF/4; CL 142/PV/1.

¹¹ CL 142/INF/5; CL 142/PV/1.

¹² CL 142/PV/1.

APPENDIX A

Agenda for the Hundred and Forty-second Session of the Council

Introductory Items

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons

Election of Committees

3. Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee
4. Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee
5. Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Other Matters

6. Matters Arising out of the Conference Session
7. Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
8. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013
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10. Working Methods of the Council
11. Any Other Matters

APPENDIX B**List of Documents**

CL 142/1	Provisional Annotated Agenda
CL 142/2	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013
CL 142/3	Membership of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

CL 142 INF Series

CL 142/INF/1	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 142/INF/2	Provisional List of Documents
CL 142/INF/3	Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 142/INF/4	Provisional Agenda for the 143 rd Session of the Council (November 2011)

CL 142 LIM Series

CL 142/LIM/1	Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee
CL 142/LIM/2	Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee
CL 142/LIM/3	Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

APPENDIX C

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2011-2013

		2011		
JANUARY	29 COFI	31/01-04/02		
FEBRUARY	105 PC 136 FC 137 FC WFP IFAD/GC IFAD/IX(1)	8-9 8-9 10-11 14-18 19-20 21		
MARCH	66 IFAD/EC 92 CCLM 138 FC 106 PC	3 7-9 21-25 21-25		
APRIL	141 CL 67 IFAD/EC	11-15 19-20		
MAY	118 IFAD/AC IFAD/EB 107 PC 139 FC	3 9-13 16-17 30/05-01/06		
JUNE	WFP IFAD/ IX(2) 119 IFAD/AC 37 C	6-10 13-14 20 25/06-02/07		
JULY	142 CL 34 CODEX 68 IFAD/ EC*	4* 4-9 (Geneva) 11-12		
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	120 IFAD/AC IFAD/EB UNGA 93 CCLM	8 12-16 13 21-23		
OCTOBER	69 IFAD/EC 140 FC 108 PC WFD 37 CFS* IFAD/ IX(3)	7 10-14 10-14 17 (Monday) 17 (pm)-22 24-25		
NOVEMBER	WFP 121 IFAD/AC 143 CL*	14-17 18 28/11-02/12		
DECEMBER	70 IFAD/EC* IFAD/EB IFAD IX(4)	5 12-14 15-16		

Easter: 24 April 2011
 Ramadan: 1-30 August 2011
 Eid Al-Fitr: 30 August 2011
 Eid Al-Adha: 6 November 2011

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	FC	Finance Committee
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	IFAD/AC	IFAD Audit Committee
C	Conference	IFAD/EC	IFAD Evaluation Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	IFAD/IX	IFAD IX Replenishment Session
CL	Council	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	PC	Programme Committee
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	UNGA	United Nations General Assembly (Opening)
COFO	Committee on Forestry	WFD	World Food Day
ERC	Regional Conference for Europe	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board

* Change compared to Calendar submitted to the previous Council session

		2012		2013
JANUARY	27 ARC	30/01-03/02		
FEBRUARY	WFP IFAD/GC 31 NERC	13-17 20-24 26/02-01/03	IFAD/GC WFP 96 CCLM	11-15 18-22 25-27
MARCH	31 APRC 94 CCLM 32 LARC	12-16 19-21 26-30	143 FC 111 PC	18-22 18-22
APRIL	IFAD/EB 28 ERC	9-13 16-20	IFAD/EB 146 CL	8-12 22-26
MAY	141 FC 109 PC 23 COAG* 69 CCP*	7-11 7-11 21-25 28-30		
JUNE	WFP 144 CL	4-8 11-15	WFP 38 C 147 CL	3-7 15-22 24*
JULY	35 CODEX 30 COFI	2-7 (Rome) 9-13	36 CODEX	1-6 (Geneva)
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	95 CCLM IFAD/EB UNGA 21 COFO	10-12 10-14 18 24-28	UNGA IFAD/EB 97 CCLM	17 16-20 23-25
OCTOBER	142 FC 110 PC 38 CFS WFD	8-12 8-12 15-20 16 (Tuesday)	39 CFS* WFD 144 FC 112 PC	7-11 16 (Wednesday) 21-25 21-25
NOVEMBER	WFP 145 CL	5-9 26-30	WFP 148 CL	4-8 25-29
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	10-14	IFAD/EB	9-13

Easter: 8 April 2012
 Ramadan: 20 July – 18 Aug. 2012
 Eid Al-Fitr: 19 August 2012
 Eid Al-Adha: 26 October 2012

Easter: 31 March 2013
 Ramadan: 9 July – 7 August 2013
 Eid Al-Fitr: 8 August 2013
 Eid Al-Adha: 15 October 2013

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	FC	Finance Committee
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	IFAD/AC	IFAD Audit Committee
C	Conference	IFAD/EC	IFAD Evaluation Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
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COFO	Committee on Forestry	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board
ERC	Regional Conference for Europe		

* Change compared to Calendar submitted to the previous Council session

**PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
(July 2011 - June 2013)**

Chairperson

Ms Cecilia Nordin
Van Gansberghe (Sweden)

Members

Afghanistan (Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)
Algeria (Mr Azeddine Riache)
Argentina (Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)
Bangladesh (Ms Sultana Afroz)
Belgium (Ms Martine Van Dooren)
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China (Mr Li Zhengdong)
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Ethiopia (Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)
Germany (Ms Swantje Nilsson)
New Zealand (Mr Neil Fraser)
Panama (Mr Gerardo E. Vega Berrio)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
(July 2011 - June 2013)**

Chairperson

Mr Médi Mougui
(Cameroon)

Members

Australia (Mr Travis Power)
Brazil (Mr Olyntho Vieira)
Burkina Faso (Mr Laurent Diandioua Couliati)
India (Mr Shobhana K. Pattanayak)
Japan (Mr Hideya Yamada)
Kuwait (Ms Manar Sabah Mohammad Al-Sabah)

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Netherlands (Mr Ronald Elkhuizen)
Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)
Sudan (Mr Mohamed Eltayeb Elfaki Elnor)
United States of America (Ms Karen E. Johnson)

**COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS
(July 2011 - June 2013)**

Chairperson

Mr Hassan Janabi (Iraq)

Members

Ecuador (Ms Mónica Martínez Mendiño)
Ireland (Mr Jarlath O'Connor)
Pakistan (Mr Khalid Mehboob)
Papua New Guinea (Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe)

Syrian Arab Republic (Mr Ammar Awad)
United States of America (Mr Gregory Groth)
Zambia (Ms Kampamba Pam Mwananshiku)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2011

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2011

Brazil (C) ¹
Colombia (C)
Denmark (D)
Egypt (A)
Slovenia (E)
Ireland (D) ²

Angola (A)
China (B)
Czech Republic (E)
Guatemala (C)
Japan (D)
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2012

Kenya (A)
Jordan (B)
Philippines (B)
Mexico (C)
Netherlands (D)
United States of America (D)

Burkina Faso (A)
France (D)
India (B)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Luxembourg (D)
Russian Federation (E)

31 December 2013

Cameroon (A)
Canada (D)
Germany (D)
Haiti (C)
Saudi Arabia (B)
South Africa (A)

Australia (D)
Cuba (C)
Morocco (A)
Norway (D)
Republic of Korea (B)
Sudan (A)

¹ This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List A (2000-2002), List B (2003-2005), List A (2006-2008) and List C (2009-2011).

² Switzerland resigned from the WFP Executive Board on 31 December 2010, and agreed that Ireland would occupy this List D seat for the remainder of the term of office to 31 December 2011.

FAO MEMBERS

Afghanistan	Georgia	Panama
Albania	Germany	Papua New Guinea
Algeria	Ghana	Paraguay
Andorra	Greece	Peru
Angola	Grenada	Philippines
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Poland
Argentina	Guinea	Portugal
Armenia	Guinea-Bissau	Qatar
Australia	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Austria	Haiti	Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan	Honduras	Romania
Bahamas	Hungary	Russian Federation
Bahrain	Iceland	Rwanda
Bangladesh	India	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Indonesia	Saint Lucia
Belarus	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belgium	Iraq	Samoa
Belize	Ireland	San Marino
Benin	Israel	Sao Tome and Principe
Bhutan	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Jamaica	Senegal
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Serbia
Botswana	Jordan	Seychelles
Brazil	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Bulgaria	Kenya	Slovakia
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Slovenia
Burundi	Kuwait	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Kyrgyzstan	Somalia
Cameroon	Lao People's Democratic Republic	South Africa
Canada	Latvia	Spain
Cape Verde	Lebanon	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Sudan
Chad	Liberia	Suriname
Chile	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Swaziland
China	Lithuania	Sweden
Colombia	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Comoros	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Congo	Malawi	Tajikistan
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Thailand
Costa Rica	Maldives	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Malta	Togo
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Tokelau (Associate Member)
Cyprus	Mauritania	Tonga
Czech Republic	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mexico	Tunisia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Turkey
Denmark	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Djibouti	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Dominica	Montenegro	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Morocco	Ukraine
Ecuador	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Myanmar	United Kingdom
El Salvador	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Nauru	United States of America
Eritrea	Nepal	Uruguay
Estonia	Netherlands	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	New Zealand	Vanuatu
European Union (Member Organization)	Nicaragua	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Faroe Islands (Associate Member)	Niger	Viet Nam
Fiji	Nigeria	Yemen
Finland	Niue	Zambia
France	Norway	Zimbabwe
Gabon	Oman	
Gambia	Pakistan	
	Palau	