

## Advertisement for the appointment of Members of the FAO Audit Committee

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is the specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. FAO's goal is to achieve food security for all and ensure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With over 194 member countries, FAO works in over 140 countries worldwide.

The Audit Committee (AC)<sup>1</sup> serves as an expert advisory panel to assist the Director-General and the Finance Committee on the internal control arrangements, risk management processes, financial reporting and internal audit, investigation and ethics functions of the Organization. The Committee also operates in an advisory capacity to the Inspector General, and the Ethics Officer. The Committee reviews and advises the Director-General and the Finance Committee on:

- a) Policies significantly affecting accounting and financial reporting issues and the Organization's financial control.
- b) The Organization's arrangements for external audit and the results of external audits.
- c) The Organization's internal control and risk management strategy, framework and processes.
- d) The Organization's policies to combat fraud and other corrupt practices of its personnel and external parties, and the arrangements for personnel and others to raise concerns, in confidence, about wrongdoing affecting FAO's programmes and operations.
- e) The effectiveness and efficiency of OIG's internal audit and investigation functions, and adherence to the Charter of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), the Guidelines on Internal Administrative Investigations and to applicable international internal auditing and investigation standards.
- f) Matters relating to the efficiency and effectiveness of FAO's organizational arrangements and processes that may come to the attention of the Audit Committee in the course of its briefings and discussions with management.
- g) All matters pertaining to the formulation, development and implementation of the Organization's ethics programme.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Audit Committee consists of five members external to FAO. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications and relevant experience at senior level, including experience in the public/private sector and United Nations system covering the areas of oversight including audit, investigation and ethics, financial management, governance, risk management and internal controls. Due regard is paid in their selection to gender and geographic representation in the Audit Committee.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Members of the Audit Committee shall be independent of the FAO Secretariat and the Director-General. Members serve in their personal capacity. They are not remunerated for their activity. Travel and subsistence costs necessary for participation in the Audit Committee meetings are paid by FAO.

Members are appointed by the FAO Council on recommendation by the Finance Committee. They are appointed for a three-year term, which may be renewed for a maximum of a further three years. Members are expected to attend at least three meetings each year in Rome, Italy.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

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Interested applicants are invited to submit an application by email to: [Secretariat-Audit-Committee@fao.org](mailto:Secretariat-Audit-Committee@fao.org) and [Applications-FAO-Audit-Committee@fao.org](mailto:Applications-FAO-Audit-Committee@fao.org). Please use the subject line: **FAO Audit Committee**

Deadline for applications: *10 February 2020*

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<sup>1</sup> cf. [FC 175/11 Annex 2](#) Terms of reference of the FAO Audit Committee