

170th Session of the Council

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Item 19 - Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main Sessions 2022-2023

Member Name	Comments
Indonesia (Monday, 30 May 2022, 16:55)	Indonesia welcomes and thanks FAO for the updated calendar for 2022 and 2023 set out in document CL 170/LIM/1.
Japan (Thursday, 09 June 2022, 3:20)	<p>Japan appreciates FAO's efforts to organize its various meetings to be online or hybrid during the COVID-19 pandemic. Japan regards it as important to hold in-person meetings and supports FAO's continued efforts to provide options to facilitate meeting participation by introducing an innovative way, such as a hybrid format, as necessary.</p> <p>Japan requests FAO to consider fundamental reforms to improve the efficiency of Governing Bodies meetings based on past discussions and decisions. For example, too much time in the meeting is spent on draft negotiations, preventing deeper substantive discussions. It is causing the extension of the meeting, and negotiations of items that continue over multiple years must be improved from an efficiency perspective. Japan would like to ask FAO to review the past discussions on improving efficiency. It is one of the ideas to establish a working group of volunteer countries for fundamental reforms on that matter.</p>