



# Announcements

**154<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Council**  
FAO, Rome, 30 May – 3 June 2016

<b>Provisional List of Participants</b>	<p>A limited number of print outs of the <u>Provisional</u> List of Participants will be available from the morning of Monday, 30 May 2016 at the Documents Desk, Korean Conference Service Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Building A), for the purpose of checking the accuracy of entries. Participants from countries whose language of communication is Arabic are invited to check that the translation of their names is correct. Participants are requested to submit any corrections or amendments to the Documents Desk for inclusion in the final list, which will be uploaded to the Council Web page. <b>Only registered participants will appear on the list.</b></p>
<b>Documents of the Council</b>	<p>A very limited quantity of documents will be available during the Council at the Documents Desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Building A). Council documentation can be downloaded at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/council/cl154/en/">http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/council/cl154/en/</a></p>
<b>FAO Members Gateway</b>	<p>The FAO Members Gateway, the main channel of communication with Members, offers access to governance and management information. To access the site go to <a href="http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/en/">http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/en/</a> and log on with the username and password issued to all Permanent Representations. If you would like a demonstration of the site or wish to make a comment on it please send an e-mail to: <a href="mailto:CPAC-Web@fao.org">CPAC-Web@fao.org</a>. Audio recordings of Council meetings are available in the restricted area of the Members Gateway.</p>
<b>Bilateral meeting rooms</b>	<p>A number of bilateral meeting rooms are available for use by delegations on an hourly basis. Please refer to Room A276, Ext. 53770, email: <a href="mailto:Meeting-Services@fao.org">Meeting-Services@fao.org</a></p>
<b>Travel facilities (flight reservation and reconfirmation)</b>	<p>Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT), the official travel agency of the Organization, is located on the Ground Floor of Building D (Room D074) and is open from 09.00 to 17.00. For further information, participants may contact CWT on extension number 55970 (or 0657055970 from outside FAO) or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:faotravel@cwtbook.it">faotravel@cwtbook.it</a></p>
<b>Medical services</b>	<p>For medical emergencies, participants should dial 30 from in-house telephones or 0657053400 from outside FAO Headquarters. For other medical services, participants may contact the receptionist on extension number 53577 from in-house telephones (0657053577 from outside FAO Headquarters) or by email at <a href="mailto:Medical-Service@fao.org">Medical-Service@fao.org</a>. They may also go directly to the Medical Service (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Building B) during the working hours of the Council 08:30-17:30. For urgent medical assistance outside working hours, participants are requested to call 118 or <i>Guardia Medica/Doctors-on-Call</i> on 06570600.</p>
<b>Banking and currency exchange facilities</b>	<p>The <i>Banca Intesa Sanpaolo</i> is located on the Ground Floor, Building B, and is open from 08.35 to 16.35. The <i>Banca Popolare di Sondrio</i> is located on the Ground Floor, Building D (D016), and is open from 08.30 to 16.30. Cash dispensers (ATM) for credit card withdrawals are located at the entrances of both banks.</p>
<b>Media assistance for Permanent Representatives during the Council</b>	<p>The Office for Corporate Communication (OCC) informs Delegates to Council that the Media Relations Branch (OCCM) can provide technical support and facilities for radio and TV interviews in the studios of the <i>Angola Radio and Television Centre</i>, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Building A (Room A330) from 09.00 to 17.30. Requests should be forwarded, with at least 24 hours' notice, to Mr Erwin Northoff, Chief, Media Relations, OCCM (<a href="mailto:Erwin.Northoff@fao.org">Erwin.Northoff@fao.org</a> / +39 0657053105).</p>
<b>Estonian Contact Centre (ECC)</b>	<p>The Estonian Contact Centre (B016) is located at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Iran Room. The ECC has two videophones equipped with Skype technology to enable free video calls to be made anywhere in the world.</p>

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<b>Catering facilities</b>	<p>The FAO Headquarters offers the following dining and snack bar facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building A Ground Floor - <b>Polish Bar</b>: from 07.30 <i>until the end of the daily session</i></li> <li>• Building B 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>Cafeteria Terrace</b>: from 12.00 to 14.30 hours</li> <li>• Building B 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>Bar B</b>: from 09.00 to 15.30 hours</li> <li>• Building C 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>FAO Restaurant</b> fixed menu (<b>reservation is requested</b>): from 12.00 to 14.30 hours: <i>ext.56823 - tel.0657056823</i> from outside FAO</li> <li>• Building C 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>FAO Open Buffet</b> - fixed price buffet: from 12.00 to 14.30 hours: <i>ext.56823 - tel.0657056823</i> from outside FAO</li> <li>• Building C 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>Blue Bar</b>: from 08.00 to 17.00 hours</li> <li>• Building D Ground Floor - <b>Bar D</b>: from 07.30 to 17.30 hours</li> </ul> <p>ATM (<i>Bancomat</i>) and credit cards are accepted at the Cafeteria, Restaurant, Open Buffet, Polish Bar and Blue Bar. <b>Vending machines and water dispensers</b> are available in various locations throughout the building.</p>
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<b>Environmentally friendly Council</b>	<p>Participants are invited to note the following eco-friendly services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documents have been printed in a limited number of copies. Participants are encouraged to consult documents on-line and to request additional copies only if indispensable.</li> <li>• The Organization is promoting the use of quick response codes to download publications and documents to mobile devices.</li> </ul>
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<b>Prayer Room</b>	Available for use by Council participants in Room A250 Ter.
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<b>Cloakroom</b>	A cloakroom is situated at the main entrance (Building A) on the right-hand side.
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<b>Italian National Day – 2 June 2016</b>	<p>Delegates arriving by car will be able to access the FAO complex only through Viale Aventino, from Piazza Albania, to the entry point of Ramp 1 (Viale Terme di Caracalla). An FAO Security guard, together with the <i>Polizia Municipale</i>, will be positioned at Piazza Albania from 07:00 to facilitate the access of Delegates to the restricted area of Viale Aventino. Delegates will be required to show their FAO building pass to gain entrance. All other access routes to FAO (from Via Bacelli, Via Aventina, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, Colosseo) will be closed on 2 June.</p>
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### Secretariat of the 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council

Director-General	Mr José Graziano da Silva	B401	53433/53434
Directeur de Cabinet	Mr Mario Lubetkin	B409	54000
Secretary-General of the Council	Mr Louis Gagnon	A140	53098
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<b>Side Events</b>	
<b>Monday, 30 May</b>	<p>Practical Approaches for Reducing Food Losses in the Context of Food Security: A Challenge for the International Community Jointly hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Holy See 17.30 - 19.00 - Green Room (Room A122, Building A)</p>
<b>Tuesday, 31 May</b>	<p>Greening Food Value Chains: Lessons from Ireland and Kenya Jointly hosted by Ireland and Kenya 13.00-14.30 - Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor, Atrium)</p>
<b>Wednesday, 1 June</b>	<p>Agroecology for Food Security and Nutrition Jointly hosted by Permanent Representations collaborating as “Friends of Agroecology” 13.00-14.30 - Iran Room (Room B116, Building B)</p>
<b>Friday, 3 June</b>	<p>Bridging the gap between the world’s leading seed companies and the smallholder farmer: findings of the Access to Seeds Index 2016 Jointly hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands in collaboration with “Access to Seeds” 13.00-14.30 - Iran Room (Room B116, Building B)</p>