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Introductory Items¹

1. The 155th Session of the Council was held in Rome from 5 to 9 December 2016 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of Council.

Tribute to the late former President of Cuba, Fidel Castro Ruz²

2. The Council observed one minute of silence in memory of Mr Fidel Castro Ruz, the former President of Cuba, who passed away on Friday, 25 November 2016.

Tribute to the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand³

3. The Council observed one minute of silence in memory of the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, who passed away on Thursday, 13 October 2016.

Statement by the Director-General⁴

4. The Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva, delivered a statement to Council.

Procedure of the Session

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable⁵

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

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee⁶

6. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Joseph Ngetich (Kenya), Mr Abdulaziz Ahmed Al Malki Al-Jehani (Qatar) and Mr Vlad Mustaciosu (Romania).

7. The Council elected Mr Spyridon Ellinas (Cyprus) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Iceland, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe.

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of Medium Term Plan 2018-21⁷

8. The Council:
- a) took note of the global developments, trends and challenges identified as a basis for reviewing the Strategic Objectives, including the incorporation of statistics, and the cross-cutting themes of gender, governance, nutrition and climate change;
 - b) endorsed the continuation of the five Strategic Objectives and their reformulated Outcomes as a basis for preparing the full Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2018-19 for consideration at its next session, taking into account the

¹ CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

² CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

³ CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

⁴ CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

⁵ CL 155/1; CL 155/INF/1 Rev.1; CL 155/INF/3; CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

⁶ CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

⁷ CL 155/3; CL 155/5 (para. 3); CL 155/PV/3; CL 155/PV/4; CL 155/PV/8

- recommendations of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee and the comments provided by the Members of the Council;
- c) requested that the MTP 2018-21 include an annex that clearly compares the results framework used in 2014-17 with the proposed results framework for 2018-21;
 - d) appreciated the incorporation of the SDG targets and indicators in the results framework and underlined the importance of FAO's action to help countries achieve the relevant SDGs, based on the country programming frameworks;
 - e) noted that Objective 6 provided the basis for strengthening and monitoring the technical quality of FAO's work, as well as the cross-cutting themes across the Strategic Objectives, and recommended that Objective 6 be retitled to better reflect its scope, as: *technical quality, statistics and cross-cutting themes (climate change, gender, governance and nutrition)*; and
 - f) cautioned against inclusion of areas which are not centrally consistent with the mandate and comparative advantages of FAO, as well as references to the World Humanitarian Summit.

Technical Committees⁸

9. The Council agreed to discuss the draft Strategy for FAO's work on climate change under Item 6 Report of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee.

Report of the 25th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (26-30 September 2016)⁹

10. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 25th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), in particular:
 - a) the main priorities identified for FAO's work in food and agriculture in the Medium Term Plan 2018-21, especially agroecology, biotechnology, sustainable production, climate change, biodiversity, mechanization, statistics, food safety, nutrition, social protection, youth and gender mainstreaming, noting that this work would be delivered through multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral partnerships with particular attention to South-South Cooperation and the engagement with the private sector, and civil society organizations;
 - b) the five elements developed by FAO as a basis for the policy dialogue and governance arrangements needed to identify sustainable development pathways across the SDGs, across sectors and along related value chains;
 - c) the need for FAO and countries to mainstream biodiversity in agriculture, including livestock, to promote its contribution to ecosystem services and to climate change adaptation and mitigation;
 - d) support by FAO, as part of the 2030 Agenda, in assisting countries and local communities in the development of their Agricultural Innovation System strategies and integration of this role into the Strategic Framework of FAO;
 - e) FAO's support to countries, in collaboration with other relevant UN agencies, to strengthen the capacity of government institutions and local communities in promoting and integrating nutrition into agriculture management and training programmes, including through South-South Cooperation;
 - f) reporting to the Programme Committee on the implementation of the *Peste des Petits Ruminants* Global Eradication Programme;
 - g) continued active collaboration with WHO and OIE, regional and international financial institutions, and other relevant stakeholders, in implementing the Political Declaration of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), including strengthening the capacity of countries and regions;
 - h) support for the work of FAO and countries on the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) for its contribution to sustainable agriculture, the conservation of biodiversity, food security and environmental sustainability;
 - i) FAO's work on climate change, to encompass issues relating to biodiversity and explore synergies between adaptation and mitigation aspects;

⁸ CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

⁹ C 2017/21; CL 155/INF/8; CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/8

- j) building on the momentum created by the International Year of Pulses 2016, further work on, and promotion of pulses beyond 2016;
- k) FAO's enhanced role in the provision of statistical data and information, as well as capacity building of countries to support monitoring of the SDGs; and
- l) noted the creation of an informal open-ended working group to consider options for adequate and sustainable funding for the FAO/WHO Programme for Scientific Food-Safety Advice which builds on the recommendations of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

11. The Council endorsed the document "Voluntary Guidelines for Sustainable Soil Management (VGSSM)".

12. The Council:

- a) endorsed the draft Resolution "Observance of World Bee Day" on 20 May, *set out in Appendix C*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption;
- b) endorsed the draft Resolution "International Year of Plant Health" in 2020, *set out in Appendix D*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption; and
- c) recognized the importance of camelids for food security and supported the principle of establishing an International Year of Camelids, while noting that further information was required and the proposal would be provided to the 156th Session of Council in April 2017 for consideration.

Report of the 71st Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (4-6 October 2016)¹⁰

13. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 71st Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP), in particular:

- a) underlined the importance of FAO's commodity market monitoring and outlook work for global food security, especially for better market transparency and informed policy decisions;
- b) appreciated the medium-term projections produced jointly with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and acknowledged the relevance and usefulness of the work to inform policy considerations;
- c) underlined the importance of the human and institutional capacities of countries for the analysis of trade and related policies for food security and nutrition;
- d) stressed the importance of FAO's assistance to countries in facilitating policy dialogue for alignment and coherence between agricultural development strategies and trade-related frameworks and policies;
- e) encouraged FAO's support to countries in their effective participation in trade negotiations, including WTO negotiations on agriculture and Regional Trade Agreements, and formulation of trade policies through the provision of the evidence-base, capacity development, and facilitation of *fora* for dialogue;
- f) supported continued work on pulses beyond the International Year of Pulses 2016;
- g) encouraged FAO to continue collaboration with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other relevant organizations to address the knowledge gaps and the need for more evidence-based and quantitative impact assessments of climate change on commodity trade at country level, including analyzing and quantifying commodity-specific impacts;
- h) endorsed the main priorities identified for FAO's programme of work in trade and markets for consideration in the review of the Strategic Framework;
- i) recognized the importance of investment into agriculture and the need to examine the linkages between investment flows, and trade and commodity prices, and took note of the need for a systematic collection of quantitative information on trade policies as a work priority under trade and markets;

¹⁰ C 2017/22; CL 155/PV/1; CL 155/PV/2; CL 155/PV/8

- j) agreed that the meetings of the Sub-Committee on Surplus Disposal should be held in Rome on a "when required" basis, and requested FAO to work jointly with the World Food Programme (WFP) to identify and implement the most efficient and effective way to continue monitoring and reporting on food aid shipments, also through FAO's Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS);
- k) agreed that the production cycle of the flagship publication *The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets* (SOCO) be aligned with the CCP cycle;
- l) encouraged FAO to continue to promote the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), which has a key role in addressing price volatility; and
- m) encouraged FAO to continue the convening of Ministerial Meetings on commodity issues, while exploring ways to increase effectiveness and ministerial participation.

Report of the 32nd Session of the Committee on Fisheries (11-15 July 2016)¹¹

14. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 32nd Session of the Committee on Fisheries (COFI), in particular:

- a) welcomed the entry into force of the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) and encouraged non-Parties to join the Agreement;
- b) underlined the importance of FAO's technical capacity in fisheries and aquaculture, in particular with regard to food security and nutrition and related strategies and programmes;
- c) highlighted the importance of reducing food waste and losses, in particular in the post-harvest value chain, and welcomed further work in this area;
- d) requested FAO to continue its collaboration with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);
- e) endorsed the proposed work plan of the Advisory Working Group on Aquatic Genetic Resources and Technologies (WG-AqGR), highlighting the need for close collaboration between the WG-AqGR and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA);
- f) stressed the need for improved aquaculture production efficiency and requested FAO's assistance in promoting sustainable aquaculture development, particularly in Small Island Developing States (SIDS);
- g) recognized the importance of FAO's support for capacity development in aquaculture, including youth and women employment, farmer networks, access to markets, biosecurity and in addressing occupational and safety hazards;
- h) called for the finalization of the Voluntary Guidelines for Catch Documentation Schemes;
- i) supported the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record) and its continued development, and recognized its important role as a tool in combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and in supporting the implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA);
- j) welcomed the development of an FAO Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF) Umbrella Assistance Programme as a mechanism to mobilize extra-budgetary resources, and agreed on the need for a complementary mechanism in the form of an SSF Guidelines Global Strategic Framework (SSF-GSF) to be developed, in consultation with small-scale fisheries stakeholders;
- k) underscored the importance of FAO support in best practice guidance on the management of inland fisheries and recommended the development of an effective methodology to monitor and assess the status of inland fisheries;
- l) welcomed the Global Work Programme (GWP) and recommended the creation of a database for existing rights-based management systems;
- m) welcomed the FAO draft Strategy for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Climate Change for 2017-20, recognizing the important role of the ocean on climate change and the impacts of climate change on the ocean, fisheries and aquaculture; and
- n) noted the recent developments that took place in respect of the establishment of a World Fisheries University proposed by the Republic of Korea.

¹¹ C 2017/23; CL 155/INF/8; CL 155/LIM/7; CL 155/LIM/8; CL 155/PV/2; CL 155/PV/8

15. The Council:

- a) endorsed the draft Resolution “Observance of the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing” on 5 June, *set out in Appendix E*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption; and
- b) endorsed the draft Resolution “International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture” in 2022, *set out in Appendix F*, to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption.

Report of the 23rd Session of the Committee on Forestry (18-22 July 2016)¹²

16. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 23rd Session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO) (18-22 July 2016), in particular:

- a) welcomed the publication of *State of the World’s Forests 2016* and its key messages and recognized that the sustainable management of both forests and agriculture, and their integration in land-use plans, contributed strongly to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- b) supported the use of the five interconnected principles developed by FAO as a framework for policy dialogue on sustainability;
- c) requested FAO to align the Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) strategy with the requirements for monitoring of SDGs, as well as with other global forests processes and work with the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) to improve and streamline global reporting on forests and enhance support to countries on National Forest Monitoring;
- d) highlighted the importance of forests in the draft Strategy for FAO’s work on climate change and the continued dialogue and information exchange among the different sectors, such as environment, forestry, fisheries and agriculture, including livestock at national, regional and international levels, with a view to strengthening synergies and avoiding duplications;
- e) welcomed the establishment of a Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems and agreed that its work would be financed through extra-budgetary resources;
- f) underlined the importance of FAO enhancing its work on boreal and temperate forests;
- g) welcomed the main outcome document of the XIV World Forestry Congress;
- h) reiterated the importance of FAO’s contribution to the International Arrangement of Forests (IAF) and encouraged FAO to continue its leadership role in the CPF;
- i) encouraged FAO to review the FRA strategy, including its financing strategy, in consultation with FAO Members, members of the CPF and other relevant international organizations; and
- j) welcomed the endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines on National Forest Monitoring.

17. The Council endorsed the offer of the Republic of Korea to host the XV World Forestry Congress in 2021, and noted with appreciation the gesture of Italy of withdrawing its bid.

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee and 164th Session of the Finance Committee (7 November 2016)¹³

18. The Council endorsed the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee and 164th Session of the Finance Committee, and:

- a) welcomed the actions being undertaken by the Director-General aimed at enhancing the technical capacity of the Organization, in particular to increase capacity in priority technical areas of work, including climate change, fisheries, antimicrobial resistance and South-South Cooperation, while maintaining adequate capacity at decentralized offices;
- b) appreciated the additional information provided by the Secretariat in document CL 155/7-Inf.1 in relation to the proposed consolidation of management arrangements;

¹² C 2017/24; CL 155/PV/2; CL 155/PV/8

¹³ CL 155/7; CL 155/7-Inf.1; CL 155/PV/4; CL 155/PV/8

- c) endorsed the proposed changes to the organizational structure to strengthen programme management and delivery, on a budget neutral basis, illustrated in Annex 1 of document CL 155/7, and agreed on the title of the department approved for creation as “Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water”;
- d) looked forward to details on the conversion of administrative positions to technical positions in 2016-17 in the Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19, with due attention to maintaining the integrity of language services within the Organization;
- e) welcomed the sustained progress of FAO’s work in partnerships with the private sector and with civil society organizations, and looked forward to more analytic reporting on these partnerships in the future to the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees; and
- f) noted possible review by the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees for improvement of its methods of work.

Report of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee (7-11 November 2016)¹⁴

19. The Council endorsed the Report of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee.
20. The Council welcomed the Strategy for FAO’s work on climate change and endorsed the Committee’s suggestions for further refinements, noting that an updated Strategy would be submitted to the Programme Committee at its March 2017 session.
21. The Council took note of the recommendations contained in the reports of the technical committees regarding the draft Strategy and in particular:
- a) FAO’s global role at the nexus of food and agriculture and the challenges posed by climate change;
 - b) the impacts of climate change on the oceans, fisheries and aquaculture;
 - c) the role of forests in combatting climate change and its impacts;
 - d) the interfaces between climate change, trade, commodity markets and food security;
 - e) the importance of combatting drought and desertification;
 - f) the request that FAO and countries mainstream biodiversity in agriculture, including livestock, to promote its contribution to ecosystem services and to climate change adaptation and mitigation; and
 - g) the incorporation of the Plan of Action of the Climate Change Strategy within the reviewed Strategic Framework.
22. The Council:
- a) welcomed the Evaluation of FAO’s Contribution to Strategic Objective 5 and congratulated the Secretariat for the work undertaken on resilience, supported the Committee’s comments on common areas of focus in evaluations of Strategic Objectives, including collaboration in the field with Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) and other UN agencies and gender mainstreaming;
 - b) requested that an annex be dedicated to gender in future Strategic Objective evaluations and that FAO’s gender policy standards be used as a baseline;
 - c) welcomed the Independent Evaluation of FAO’s evaluation function and the progress in improving it in the past biennium, concurred with the Committee’s recommendation on enhancing learning and accountability, emphasizing in this regard the value of the dual reporting line of the Director of Evaluation to the Members and to the Director-General and endorsed continuation of the existing Charter for the FAO Office of Evaluation;
 - d) commended the Secretariat on progress achieved in implementing approved recommendations of the evaluations of *FAO’s contribution in crisis-related transition* and *Joint FAO/WFP Evaluation of the Food Security Cluster Coordination*;
 - e) endorsed the work plan of evaluations 2017-19, as well as the Committee’s recommendation for evaluation of FAO’s major thematic strategies on a cyclical basis;

¹⁴ CL 155/5; C 2017/21 (paras. 12 and 14); C 2017/22 (paras. 25-29); C 2017/23 (paras. 18, 144 and 148); C 2017/24 (paras. 12, 20, 21); CL 155/PV/4; CL 155/PV/8

- f) welcomed the roadmap for the Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization and its Addendum; noted the fact that sharing of the draft report of the external experts with Management and Members for their views prior to finalization of the report ensured the independence of the assessment, welcomed the planned informal briefing to Permanent Representatives in February 2017 in this regard; and looked forward to reviewing the final report of the Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization at headquarters and decentralized offices at its 156th Session in April 2017;
- g) welcomed the high level of attention given to gender by the Organization, its status as a cross-cutting theme within the Strategic Framework, the excellent results outlined in the Programme Implementation Report 2014-15, the inclusion of gender dimensions in evaluations of all Strategic Objectives and a global evaluation on gender planned for 2019, as well as the dedicated Informal Seminar to Permanent Representatives on FAO's work on gender to be held on 15 December 2016; and
- h) noted the concern relating to the delay in publication of documents for the Programme Committee in some languages, and welcomed the Committee's ongoing review of improvements of its methods of work, including possible meetings dedicated to evaluation matters.

Report of the 162nd (23-25 May 2016), 163rd (2-3 November 2016) and 164th (7-11 November 2016) Sessions of the Finance Committee¹⁵

23. The Council approved the Reports of the 162nd, 163rd and 164th Sessions of the Finance Committee and in particular:

On the Financial Position

- a) urged all Member Nations to make timely and full payment of assessed contributions;
- b) welcomed the External Auditor's issuance of an unmodified opinion on the Organization's Accounts for 2015, the second set of Accounts for FAO prepared in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS);
- c) stressed the importance, as emphasized by the Finance Committee, of strengthening the internal control framework at headquarters and decentralized offices and monitoring its effective implementation and compliance;
- d) requested the Secretariat to continue to maintain the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) expenditure rate at a level that ensures full implementation of the TCP appropriation as approved by the Conference; and
- e) recommended the draft resolution for adoption by the Conference of the FAO Audited Accounts 2015 presented in paragraph 11 of document CL 155/6;

On Human Resource Matters

- f) expressed its appreciation for the many achievements made in human resource management by FAO since 2012, notably the significant improvement reported on the status of professional vacancies and encouraged the Secretariat to pursue these efforts particularly in respect of regional offices with high vacancy rate levels;
- g) encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts to pursue equitable geographical representation, while recalling the importance of securing the highest standards of efficiency, fair competition, transparency and technical competence in the selection of staff;
- h) requested the Secretariat to streamline the process for responding to requests by Members for the provision of non-sensitive information on staffing;

On Oversight matters

- i) endorsed the appointment of Ms Daniela Graziani as a member of the FAO Audit Committee for an initial period of three years.

¹⁵ CL 155/4; CL 155/6; CL 155/11; CL 155/13 Rev.1; CL 155/LIM/2; C 2017/6 A and B; CL 155/PV/5; CL 155/PV/8

Committee on World Food Security

Report of the 43rd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (17-21 October 2016)¹⁶

24. The Council endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Report of the 43rd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), in particular:

- a) welcomed the policy recommendations on “Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock?” and on “Connecting Smallholders to Markets” and encouraged their wide dissemination;
- b) acknowledged the report of the CFS High Level Panel of Experts on “Sustainable Agricultural Development for Food Security and Nutrition: What Roles for Livestock?” and noted the CFS request for a study on “Multi-stakeholder Partnerships to Finance and Improve Food Security and Nutrition in the Framework of the 2030 Agenda” to be presented to the CFS Plenary in 2018;
- c) noted the engagement of the CFS in advancing both Nutrition and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through contributing to the High Level Political Forum (HLPF);
- d) welcomed the global thematic event on the use of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security, in line with the terms of reference providing guidance on sharing experiences and good practices in implementing CFS decisions and recommendations through organizing events at national, regional and global levels;
- e) noted an Open Ended Working Group had been established to agree on a process to compile experiences and effective policy approaches in the context of changing rural-urban dynamics;
- f) recommended that the CFS present a feasible and realistic MYPOW, taking into account available resources, notably for translation and interpretation services, and the need for a manageable workload;
- g) encouraged CFS Members to contribute un-earmarked extra-budgetary contributions to the CFS budget and to explore long-term solutions to address CFS budget predictability;
- h) took note of the revision to the composition of the CFS Bureau and its Alternate Members for the remainder of their mandate, until the 44th Session of the CFS in 2017; and
- i) looked forward to the upcoming evaluation on CFS effectiveness.

Constitutional and Legal Matters

Report of the 103rd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (24-26 October 2016)¹⁷

25. The Council considered the Report of the 103rd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, and the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee and the 164th Session of the Finance Committee insofar as the issue of the appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies was concerned.

26. The Council:

- a) noted that under decisions of the Conference and provisions of treaties establishing Bodies under Article XIV of the FAO Constitution the secretaries were appointed by the Director-General with the approval of the bodies concerned;
- b) acknowledged the need to balance the functional autonomy of Article XIV Bodies with the responsibilities borne by the Organization for such Bodies; and
- c) stressed the urgency of filling vacant positions of secretaries of two Article XIV Bodies (Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)).

¹⁶ C 2017/20; CL 155/PV/3; CL 155/PV/8

¹⁷ CL 155/2; CL 155/7 (paras. 9-12); CL 155/PV/5; CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/7; CL 155/PV/8

27. In this regard, the Council acknowledged the proposal made by the Director-General and the various views expressed by Members, and agreed on the following process to be followed:

- a) with immediate effect, the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) and the FAO Secretariat will consult with the concerned Article XIV Bodies with a view to developing a proposal on procedures for the appointment of Secretaries of concerned Article XIV Bodies acceptable to the Bodies and to be submitted to the FAO Council by the end of 2018;
- b) also immediately, on an exceptional basis and without setting any precedent, the Director-General will issue Vacancy Announcements for the appointment of two Secretaries (IOTC and ITPGRFA). This will follow standard procedures for the appointment of FAO Senior Staff, with inclusion of two representatives of Members, to be decided by the Bodies, in interview panels and subsequent referral by the Director-General of one candidate to the Bodies for approval at their next session; and
- c) the Secretaries referred to in sub-para (b) will be appointed for two years subject to confirmation by the concerned Body of the appointment at the end of that period.

28. The Council also confirmed that formal meetings of Statutory Bodies should be held in public and that the Director-General or a representative of the Director-General should participate without a right to vote at the formal meetings of the Statutory Bodies and their subsidiary bodies, pursuant to Article VII, paragraph 5 of the FAO Constitution.

Governance Matters

Rome-based Agencies Collaboration¹⁸

29. The Council endorsed the joint document on Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) Collaboration and commended the three RBAs for its preparation, noting it was a useful reference for future joint activities of the RBAs and that it was a living document subject to periodical update.

30. The Council invited the RBAs to take into account the principles outlined in the joint document in the preparation of their own future strategic plans and recommended that proposed joint activities and areas for potential collaboration be made more specific and concrete by including *inter alia* timelines, joint assessments and incentive mechanisms, while avoiding duplication and overlap.

31. The Council welcomed the common objective to focus future collaboration on assisting countries in implementing the 2030 Agenda and achieving the relevant targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

32. The Council welcomed the suggested “principles of action” and the four “pillars of collaboration”, as well as the focus on country-level processes and on efforts to improve collaboration in the context of UN system-wide coherence and full engagement with CFS work.

33. The Council noted with appreciation that the RBA regional teams would develop regional processes for determining focus countries, joint priority areas and joint monitoring of progress, in line with the demands and priorities of host governments.

34. The Council agreed on the usefulness of holding joint meetings of governing bodies of the three Rome-based Agencies, and that a report on RBA collaboration be prepared on an annual basis.

Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference¹⁹

35. The Council agreed to submit to the Conference the Provisional Agenda and the Arrangements outlined in document CL 155/8 for approval, and in particular recommended that:

- a) two Commissions be established to examine, respectively: (i) Substantive and Policy Matters in Food and Agriculture; and (ii) Programme and Budgetary Matters;

¹⁸ CL 155/12 Rev.2; CL 155/7 (paras. 1-5); CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

¹⁹ CL 155/8 Rev.1 (English only); CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

- b) the deadline for receipt of nominations for election to the Council be set at 12.00 hours on Monday 3 July 2017, and the election be held on Friday 7 July 2017;
- c) agreed that the details of a proposal to hold a Special Event on Gender during the Conference, allowing for the dynamic participation of Members, be further discussed at Informal Meetings convened by the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC) with the Chairs of the Regional Groups.

36. The Council further agreed to recommend to the Conference that the topic for the General Debate at the 40th Session be "Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security" and that statements by heads of delegation be limited to a maximum of five minutes each.

37. The Council also endorsed the following biennial theme for Governing Body sessions to be held in the 2018-19 biennium: "Climate Change and its impact on the work and activities of FAO".

Deadline for Nominations for the Post of Independent Chairperson of the Council

38. The Council decided to establish a deadline for the receipt of nominations for the Office of Independent Chairperson of the Council at 12.00 hours on Wednesday 5 April 2017; and Wednesday 12 April 2017 as the dates by which nominations would be circulated through the FAO Members Gateway and by letter by the Secretary-General.

Nomination of the Chairperson of the Conference and the Chairpersons of Commission I and Commission II

39. The Council noted that consultations within the FAO Asia Regional Group had led to consensus on nominating the Honourable Emmanuel F. Piñol, Secretary of Agriculture of the Philippines as Chairperson of the Conference. Furthermore, it agreed that the Chairperson of Commission I be from a country belonging to the G77 and China Group; and that the Chairperson of Commission II be from a country not belonging to the G77 and China Group.

40. The Council agreed to proceed at its 156th Session (April 2017) with the nomination of candidates for the offices of:

- a) Chairperson of the Commissions of the Conference;
- b) Three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
- c) Seven elected Members of the General Committee to the Conference; and
- d) Nine Members of the Credentials Committee.

41. The Council agreed to recommend to the Conference that Palestine be invited to the Conference in an observer capacity.

Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20²⁰

42. The Council reviewed and approved its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2017-20, set out in *Appendix G*, and took note of the issues to be tracked, as identified by Members, for inclusion in the MYPOW.

**Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 154th Session of the Council
(30 May – 3 June 2016)²¹**

43. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 154th (30 May – 3 June 2016), 153rd (30 November – 4 December 2015) and 150th (1-5 December 2014) Sessions.

44. The Council recommended that line 10 in document CL 155/LIM/3 Rev.1 should refer to both the Terms of Reference as well as Rules of Procedure of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP).

²⁰ CL 155/LIM/5; CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

²¹ CL 155/LIM/3 Rev.1; CL 155/LIM/3 Add.1; CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

Other Matters

Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board²²

45. The Council, pursuant to Resolution 7/2011 of 2 July 2011, elected six members of the WFP Executive Board, for a period of three years (from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019) in accordance with the following distribution:

- List A: Congo and Zimbabwe;
- List B: Pakistan;
- List C: Argentina;
- List D: Canada and Germany.

46. The Council also elected:

- Brazil to a List C seat for the period 1 January to 31 December 2017;
- Benin for a List A seat for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018;
- Peru for a List C seat for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018; and
- Switzerland for a List D seat for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2015²³

47. The Council welcomed and endorsed the Annual Report of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the FAO Council on its activities in 2015.

48. In particular, the Council:

- a) acknowledged WFP's results in meeting its Strategic Objectives, supported by achievements by Management Results Dimensions;
- b) recognized the commitment of WFP staff in the field working in challenging circumstances, both in addressing concurrent Level 2 (L2) and Level 3 (L3) emergencies in addition to protracted crises;
- c) welcomed WFP's involvement in partnership and coordination efforts, its engagement with partners towards zero hunger and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- d) welcomed the efforts of WFP to strengthen collaboration with the other Rome-based Agencies;
- e) noted the ongoing work under the major change management initiatives, including preparation of the new Strategic Plan, Country Strategic Plans and related policy and Financial Framework Review, as well as the continued organizational strengthening envisaged; and
- f) noted WFP's implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review reporting into its Annual Performance Report, with a particular focus on gender, capacity development, South-South and triangular cooperation, "Delivering as One", alignment with United Nations Development Group, results-based management and harmonization and simplification of business practices.

Margarita Lizárraga Medal²⁴

49. The Council endorsed the nomination of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) and recommended that the Medal be presented by the Director-General during a special ceremony to be held before 31 December 2017.

²² CL 155/9 Rev.1; CL 155/LIM/4; CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

²³ CL 155/10; CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

²⁴ CL 155/LIM/6 Rev.1 (English only); CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-18²⁵

50. The Council took note of and approved the Calendar for 2017, set out in *Appendix H*, with the addition of the 16th Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) to be held from 30 January to 3 February 2017.

Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO²⁶

51. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following topics:
- a) Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
 - b) Outcome of the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP22);
 - c) Third UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III);
 - d) Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction;
 - e) The Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition - Foresight report: Food systems and diets: facing the challenges of the 21st century;
 - f) High level meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) (Nairobi, 28 November – 1 December 2016); and
 - g) High-Level Segment of the 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Provisional Agenda for the 156th Session of the Council (April 2017)²⁷

52. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 156th Session (April 2017) and agreed to add an item on the proposal to establish an International Year of Camelids.

Second Session of the Commission for Controlling the Desert locust in the Western Region²⁸

53. The Council was informed of the outcome of the Second Session of the Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region which took place in Algiers, Algeria, in October 2016.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies²⁹

54. Mr Juan Coy for the Association of Professionals in FAO (AP-in-FAO) made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

Presentation by the Minister for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development of Haiti³⁰

55. The Council noted with appreciation the presentation made by His Excellency Pierre Guito Laurore, Minister for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development of Haiti on Hurricane Matthew.

²⁵ CL 155/LIM/1; CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

²⁶ CL 155/INF/4 Rev.1; CL 155/PV/7; CL 155/PV/8

²⁷ CL 155/INF/2; CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

²⁸ CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

²⁹ CL 155/PV/6; CL 155/PV/8

³⁰ CL 155/PV/7; CL 155/PV/8

Appendix A

Agenda for the 155th Session of the Council

Procedure of the Session

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

3. Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of Medium Term Plan 2018-21
4. Technical Committees - Programme and Budget Matters arising from:
 - 4.1 Report of the 25th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (26-30 September 2016)
 - 4.2 Report of the 71st Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (4-6 October 2016)
 - 4.3 Report of the 32nd Session of the Committee on Fisheries (11-15 July 2016)
 - 4.4 Report of the 23rd Session of the Committee on Forestry (18-22 July 2016)
 - (a) Fifteenth World Forestry Congress (2021)
5. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee and 164th Session of the Finance Committee (7 November 2016)
6. Report of the 120th Session of the Programme Committee (7-11 November 2016)
7. Report of the 162nd (23-25 May 2016), 163rd (2-3 November 2016) and 164th (7-11 November 2016) Sessions of the Finance Committee

Committee on World Food Security

8. Report of the 43rd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (17-21 October 2016)

Constitutional and Legal Matters

9. Report of the 103rd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (24-26 October 2016)

Governance Matters

10. Rome-based Agencies Collaboration
11. Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference
12. Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20
13. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 154th Session of the Council (30 May-3 June 2016)

Other Matters

14. World Food Programme:
 - 14.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
 - 14.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2015
15. Margarita Lizárraga Medal
16. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-18

17. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
18. Provisional Agenda for the 156th Session of the Council (April 2017)
19. Any Other Matters

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 155/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 155/2	Report of the 103 rd Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (24-26 October 2016)
CL 155/3	Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of Medium Term Plan 2018-21
CL 155/4	Report of the 162 nd Session of the Finance Committee (23-25 May 2016)
CL 155/5	Report of the 120 th Session of the Programme Committee (7-11 November 2016)
CL 155/6	Report of the 164 th Session of the Finance Committee (7-11 November 2016)
CL 155/7	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 120 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 164 th Session of the Finance Committee (7 November 2016)
CL 155/7 – Inf.1	Additional Information on Enhanced Technical Capacity and Consolidation of Programme Management Arrangements in 2016-17
CL 155/8 Rev.1 (English only)	Arrangements for the 40 th Session of the Conference
CL 155/9 Rev.1	Membership of the WFP Executive Board
CL 155/10	Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2015
CL 155/11	Report of the 163 rd Session of the Finance Committee (2-3 November 2016)
CL 155/12 Rev.2	Rome-based Agencies Collaboration
CL 155/13 Rev.1	FAO's Views on the Integrated Roadmap for the World Food Programme
C 2017 Series	
C 2017/6 A	Audited Accounts - FAO 2015
C 2017/6 B	Audited Accounts - FAO 2015 Part B - Report of the External Auditor
C 2017/20	Report of the 43 rd Session of the Committee on World Food Security (17-21 October 2016)
C 2017/21	Report of the 25 th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (26-30 September 2016)
C 2017/22	Report of the 71 st Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (4-6 October 2016)
C 2017/23	Report of the 32 nd Session of the Committee on Fisheries (11-15 July 2016)
C 2017/24	Report of the 23 rd Session of the Committee on Forestry (18-22 July 2016)
CL 155 INF Series	
CL 155/INF/1 Rev.1	Provisional Timetable
CL 155/INF/2	Provisional Agenda for the 156 th Session of the Council (April 2017)

CL 155/INF/3	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 155/INF/4 Rev.1	Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 155/INF/5	Analysis of Evaluation Function in the United Nations System (JIU/REP/2014/6)
CL 155/INF/6	Contract Management and Administration in the United Nations System (JIU/REP/2014/9)
CL 155/INF/7	Evaluation of Mainstreaming of Full and Productive Employment and Decent Work by United Nations System Organizations (JIU/REP/2015/1)
CL 155/INF/8	Policy on Proclamation and Implementation of International Years
CL 155/INF/9	Note on the Methods of Work of the Council

CL 155 LIM Series

CL 155/LIM/1	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2016-18
CL 155/LIM/2	Status of Assessments and Arrears as at 29 November 2016
CL 155/LIM/3 Rev.1	Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 154 th Session of the Council (30 May-3 June 2016)
CL 155/LIM/3 Add.1	Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 154 th Session of the Council (30 May-3 June 2016) - Addendum
CL 155/LIM/4	Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
CL 155/LIM/5	Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20
CL 155/LIM/6 Rev.1 (English only)	Margarita Lizárraga Medal
CL 155/LIM/7	International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
CL 155/LIM/8	International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

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List of Delegates and Observers

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CL 155/PV/8	

CL 155 OD Series

CL 155/OD/1 to	Orders of the Day
CL 155/OD/5	

Appendix C

Draft Resolution for the Conference

Observance of World Bee Day

The Conference,

Considering the urgent need to address the issue of worldwide decline of pollinator diversity and the risks this implies for agriculture sustainability, human livelihoods and food supplies;

Recalling the work of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on pollination services for sustainable agriculture, and the leading role played by FAO in facilitating and coordinating the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators, established by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2002;

Taking into account the Thematic Assessment of Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production, released in February 2016 by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES);

Noting the dependence of global agricultural systems on pollination services and the significant contribution of bees and other pollinators to improving the production and yields of agriculture worldwide, and therefore their contribution to creating rural employment;

Noting the fundamental role and contribution of bees and other pollinators for sustainable food production and nutrition, thereby promoting food security for the world's growing population and contributing to poverty alleviation and hunger eradication;

Noting the contribution of the ecosystem services provided by bees and other pollinators to ecosystem health by safeguarding the state of biodiversity, species and genetic diversity, thereby promoting ecological and sustainable intensification of food production, and helping adaptation to climate change;

Expressing concern that bees and other pollinators are endangered by a range of factors, in particular due to the effects of human activities such as changes in land use, intensive agricultural practices and the use of pesticides, as well as pollution, pests and diseases and climate change, which threaten their habitat, health and development;

Affirming that bees and other pollinators are relevant to all three dimensions of sustainable development, namely, the economic, social and environmental dimensions;

Cognizant of the urgent need to raise awareness at all levels and to promote and facilitate actions for the protection of bees and other pollinators, in order to contribute to their health and development, bearing in mind that enhancing pollinator services is important for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the goals to eradicate hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture, protect limited natural resources and stem biodiversity loss, as well as many other dimensions of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development;

Recognizing that the observance of a *World Bee Day* by the international community would contribute significantly to raising awareness at all levels of the importance of bees and other pollinators, and promote global efforts and collective actions for their protection;

Stressing that additional costs of activities arising from the implementation of the World Bee Day be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider, at its next session, declaring 20 May each year as *World Bee Day*.

Appendix D

Draft Resolution for the Conference

International Year of Plant Health

The Conference,

Noting that healthy plants constitute the foundation for all life on Earth, ecosystem functions, food security and are key to sustaining life on Earth;

Recognizing that plant health is key to the sustainable intensification of agriculture to feed the growing global population by 2050;

Affirming that plant health is critical to addressing the pressures of a growing population and that recognition, advocacy and support for the promotion of plant health is of paramount importance if the international community is to guarantee plant resources for a food secure world based on stable and sustainable ecosystems;

Recognizing that sustaining plant health protects the environment, forests and biodiversity from plant pests, issues of climate change and supports efforts to reduce hunger, malnutrition and poverty;

Recalling the urgent need to raise awareness and to promote and facilitate actions towards the management of plant health in order to contribute to the agreed United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030;

Trusting that such a celebration would establish a platform and encourage actions to promote and implement activities in favour of the preserving and sustaining global plant resources, as well as raise awareness of the importance of plant health in addressing issues of global concern, including hunger, poverty and threats to the environment;

Affirming the urgent need of raising public awareness of the importance of healthy plants for food security and ecosystem functions;

Stressing that additional costs of activities arising from the implementation of the International Year of Plant Health be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider at its next session declaring the year 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health.

Appendix E
Draft Resolution for the Conference
Observance of the International Day for the Fight against
Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

The Conference,

Noting that fishing and aquaculture are human activities that provide high quality food, social and economic benefits, and contribute to nutrition and food security, poverty reduction and rural development;

Recognizing the importance of the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's oceans and their resources;

Deeply concerned that illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing continues to pose a serious threat to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of such resources;

Acknowledging the strenuous efforts by FAO to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing towards sustainable use of fisheries resources in the context of food security and eradication of hunger, thereby contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2 and 14;

Welcoming the entry into force on 5 June 2016 of the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, approved by the FAO Conference at its Thirty-sixth Session (Rome, 18-23 November 2009) under paragraph 1 of Article XIV of the FAO Constitution;

Calling upon governments to ratify the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and to commit to its effective implementation;

Affirming the urgent need of raising public and government awareness on the threats posed by illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing activities to the sustainable use of fisheries resources as well as on ongoing efforts to fight these activities, with particular attention to the negative impacts on the economies of developing countries dependent on fisheries resources;

Recalling the 32nd Session of FAO Committee on Fisheries endorsement of the proposed "International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing";

Taking note of the 2016 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on "Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments" which welcomes the endorsement by the Committee on Fisheries of the proposed International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing while encouraging the Food and Agriculture Organization to take further action in this regard;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider declaring 5 June as the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

Appendix F
Draft Resolution for the Conference
International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture

The Conference,

Noting that fishing and aquaculture are human activities that provide high quality food, social and economic benefits, and contribute to nutrition and food security, poverty reduction and rural development;

Recognizing the importance of the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the world's oceans and their resources;

Affirming the relevant role that artisanal fisheries and aquaculture play in the eradication of hunger, food insecurity, malnutrition, poverty and the sustainable use of fisheries resources, thereby contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2 and 14;

Recalling the 34th Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico, 29 February - 3 March 2016) decision to work towards the establishment of an International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture and the 154th Session of the FAO Council's endorsement;

Further recalling the 32nd Session of FAO Committee on Fisheries endorsement of the proposed "International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture";

Affirming the urgent need of raising public and government awareness of the importance of implementing specific public policies and programmes to promote artisanal fisheries and aquaculture in a sustainable manner, with particular attention to the most vulnerable rural areas;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider declaring the year 2022 as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Appendix G

Council Multi-year Programme of Work Revised version covering the 2017-20 period

I. Overall Objective for the Council

1. The Council provides the Conference with precise, balanced and timely guidance on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as constitutional, organizational, administrative and financial matters. In accordance with the Basic Texts and Conference Resolution 8/2009, the Council also plays a dynamic role in the development of the Strategic Framework, the Medium Term Plan (MTP) and the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of the Organization and has an oversight and monitoring function over the implementation of governance decisions. In particular, the Council has a major role in deciding and advising on matters pertaining to the implementation of the PWB. The Council also elects the members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters biennially and six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme annually and provides clear assessments on the world food and agriculture situation and related matters which may have been referred to the Council. It operates efficiently and effectively in a results-based manner, holding its sessions in keeping with the rolling work plan outlined in Section II F below, and with the *Note on Methods of Work of the Council*.

2. Attention is drawn to the recommendation endorsed by the 39th Session of Conference (June 2015) regarding MYPOWS:

A section on 'Outstanding and strategic issues to be tracked over time' could be added when they emerge from their respective Governing Bodies, however, the format of the MYPOWs of the Council and its Committees should be improved by making the Results Section more focused and specific.¹

3. Members may wish to bear this recommendation in mind when proposing improvements to the Council MYPOW.

II. Results

A. Strategy and priority setting, and budget planning

4. **Result:** Conference decisions on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as on the status of world food and agriculture, are aligned with and follow Council guidance based on FAO's Strategic Objectives as reflected in its Programme of Work and Budget.

5. Indicators and targets:

- a) Conference report reflects the recommendations made by Council on the Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB).
- b) In reviewing and approving the budget of the Organization, the Conference has at its disposal an explicit recommendation from the Council on the alignment between strategies, priorities and work programmes with the proposed budget of the Organization².
- c) Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues receives Conference approval.
- d) Conference approves the provisional agenda recommended to it by Council.

¹ [C 2015/26 Rev.1](#)

² Basic Texts, Volume II, Section D, Resolution 8/2009, *Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action regarding the Council*

6. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and recommendations made to Conference reflecting membership priorities for addressing agriculture and food security issues in the context of FAO's Strategic Objectives, as reflected in its MTP and PWB and recommendations made to Conference.

7. Activities:

- a) Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the FAO Governing bodies, in particular review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings regarding the Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB, and clear recommendations thereon to Conference.
 - o Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Technical Committees on technical priorities and budget matters.
 - o Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Regional Conferences on regional priorities and budget matters.
- b) Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation as necessary.
- c) Decisions on any adjustments to the PWB.
- d) Recommendations to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolutions, including the content and level of the budget.
- e) Recommendation of the main theme of the general debate at the Conference session.
- f) Recommendation of the provisional agenda of the Conference session.
- g) Development of a set of Members' priorities as an organizational work plan.

8. Working methods:

- a) Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- b) Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- c) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

B. Monitoring implementation of governance decisions

9. Result: Advise Conference through decisions on governance that directly support FAO's Strategic Objectives and regularly monitor the implementation of those decisions.

10. Indicators and targets:

- a) Timely implementation of governance decisions taken by Conference and Council is monitored by the Council, and this is reflected in the Conference report.
- b) The recommendations on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies are reviewed and assessed by Council before submission to Conference.

11. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and recommendations made to Conference reflecting the Council's assessment of the implementation of governance decisions.

12. Activities:

- a) Review and assessment of governance decisions of Council.
- b) Review of the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the Governing Bodies, and assessment of related progress reports.
- c) Recommendations and decisions on the need to convene Ministerial Meetings as necessary.
- d) Review and assessment of issues regarding treaties, conventions and agreements that are within the framework of FAO.
- e) Review of developments in other fora of importance for the mandate of FAO.

13. Working methods:

- a) Feedback method to Conference via reports on implementation of governance decisions.
- b) Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- c) Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- d) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- e) Advice from the Statutory Bodies through the Technical Committees.

C. Exercise of oversight functions

14. Result: Well-functioning legal, ethics, financial and administrative frameworks, policies and systems are in place and regularly monitored by Council.

15. Indicators and targets:

- a) The Organization operates within its legal, financial and administrative framework.
- b) Transparent, independent and professional evaluation of the Organization's performance, as well as audit and ethics oversight.
- c) The elections mandated by the Basic Texts are held within the set deadlines.
- d) Policies are implemented and systems function in accordance with existing rules and standards.
- e) The proposed calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions conforms with the schedule of sessions for the implementation of the Programming, Budgeting and Results-based Monitoring System.

16. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions and recommendations made to Conference ensuring the well-functioning of FAO's legal, ethical, financial and administrative frameworks.

17. Activities:

- a) Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations and decisions regarding budgetary performance and programme, budgetary transfers and the Organization's financial situation, including resource mobilization and voluntary contributions.
- b) Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding ethics and audit, both internal and external.
- c) Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding policies and systems, both in Headquarters and Decentralized Offices, for human resources, administrative and business processes, contracting and purchasing, and information and communication technology.
- d) Review and assessment of the Programme and Finance Committee recommendations on strategic evaluations and the Programme Implementation Report.
- e) Review and assessment of the CCLM recommendations on constitutional and legal matters.
- f) Independent Evaluation of the evaluation function every six years (first review in 2016) – report to Management and the Council together with the recommendations of the Programme Committee.

18. Working methods:

- a) Advice from the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings, and from the CCLM.
- b) In-depth review of one substantive issue related to FAO's Strategic Framework to be chosen by the Council once every two years.

- c) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

D. Monitoring and Evaluation of Management performance

19. Result: Management performance targets are regularly reviewed and monitored by Council.
20. Indicators and targets:
- a) Performance of Management is in line with established performance targets.
 - b) Adjustments are made to performance targets as necessary.
21. Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.
22. Activities:
- a) Monitoring of the performance of Management against established performance targets in the framework of the results-based budgeting and management system, based on the MTP/PWB and on the reports of the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings.
 - b) Programme Implementation Report.
 - c) Review of the contribution of extra-budgetary resources to the Organizational Results framework.
 - d) On a periodic basis, organize the transparent, professional and independent evaluation of the Organization's performance in contributing to its planned outcomes and impacts.
 - e) Review of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations for adjustment of PWB implementation.
 - f) Recommendations of the Programme Committee on Strategic Evaluations and their subsequent follow-up.
 - g) Regular review and assessment of FAO partnership agreements, including their financial implications with particular attention to their impacts on FAO's Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and their contributions to reaching FAO's Strategic Objectives and the SDGs.
23. Working methods:
- a) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
 - b) Informal seminars and consultations among Members.
 - c) Presentations by the Secretariat on management strategies and policies to Council.
 - d) Informal briefing by the FAO staff representatives bodies.

E. Work planning and working methods

24. Results: Council operates efficiently, in a proactive and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.
25. Indicators and targets:
- a) Council agendas are focused.
 - b) Council reports are concise, consisting mainly of conclusions, decisions and recommendations, and are made available to Members soon after the closure of the session.
 - c) Council documents have a standardized cover page, with a box suggesting the proposed action.
 - d) Council documents are issued 4 weeks before a session opens.
26. Outputs:
- a) A MYPOW for Council.
 - b) A Note on Methods of Work of the Council is issued at each session of Council.
 - c) Annual briefing for new Council members.
 - d) Updating of the "Introduction to the FAO Council" document as required.

27. Activities:

- a) Preparation of the Council MYPOW, with performance indicators.
- b) Preparation of a progress report to Conference on the Council MYPOW.
- c) Regular review of the methods of work of Council, including performance measures.
- d) Review of the status of implementation of Council decisions.
- e) Study and comparison of the governance of other international organizations in view of introducing potential improvements in the operating procedures of Council and the implementation of its MYPOW.

28. Working methods:

- a) Structured and focused deliberations during Council sessions.
- b) Efficient drafting arrangements for Council reports, based on the conclusions made by the Independent Chairperson of Council in closing and summing up each item.
- c) Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest, and level of priority.
- d) As appropriate, strengthen human and financial resources mobilized by the Secretariat for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.
- e) Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- f) Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

F. Sessions and Work plan of Council

29. The Council shall hold at least five sessions in a biennium as follows:

- a) two sessions in the first year of the biennium;
- b) one session not less than 60 days before the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular make recommendations to Conference on the Strategic Framework (every four years), MTP and PWB;
- c) one session immediately after the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular elect the Chairpersons and members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and CCLM; and
- d) one session towards the end of the second year of the biennium.

30. The indicative rolling work plan of Council shall be as outlined in the following tables, and shall be adjusted as and when required by the Council, including inclusion of effective dates for sessions of bodies reporting to it, hence the “t.b.d” label (“to be determined”) added to some entries.

31. At its sessions, the Council shall review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.

32. At the end of each session, the Council shall review its provisional agenda for the following session.

33. Substantive issues which shall be regularly addressed at Council sessions include the following items:

- a) Audit, ethics and other oversight issues;
- b) Human resources;
- c) Resource mobilization, including voluntary contributions;
- d) Decentralization issues;
- e) Contracting and purchasing issues;
- f) Information and communication technology issues;
- g) Strategic evaluations and management responses;
- h) United Nations system-wide developments regarding oversight issues impacting on FAO.

156th Session of the Council, April 2017
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Reviewed Strategic Framework 2) Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-2019 3) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.) 5) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)
<p>Governance Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Arrangements for the 40th Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 11) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018 12) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

157th Session of the Council, July 2017
<p>Election of Committees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee 2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee 3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
<p>Other Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session 5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018 7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

158th Session of the Council, November/December 2017**Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

- 1) Approval of Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)

Committee on World Food Security

- 5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2017) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the
 - Finance Committee
 - Programme Committee
 - CCLM
 - Regional Conferences
 - Technical Committees
 - Council
- 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2018-21
- 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions

Other Matters

- 10) World Food Programme:
 - i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and
 - ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2016
- 11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2019
- 13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

159th Session of the Council, June/July 2018**Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

- 1) Programme Implementation Report 2016-2017
- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.)

Regional Conferences

- 5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Europe (2018) (...t.b.d.)
- 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2018) (t.b.d.)
- 10) Report on the Informal Regional Conference for North America (...2018) (t.b.d.)

Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- 11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2018) (t.b.d.)

Governance Matters

- 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2018-21
- 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions

Other Matters

- 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-2019
- 16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

160th Session of the Council, November/December 2018
Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters
1) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2018) (t.b.d.) 2) Report of the Programme Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Finance Committee (...2018) (t.b.d.)
Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security
4) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (2018) (t.b.d.) 5) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (2018) (t.b.d.) 6) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (2018) (t.b.d.) 7) Report of the Committee on Forestry (2018) (t.b.d.) 8) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (2018) (t.b.d.)
Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
9) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2018) (t.b.d.)
Governance Matters
10) Arrangements for the 41 st Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on a theme for the general debate at Conference) 11) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-22 12) Status of implementation of Council decisions
Other Matters
13) World Food Programme: i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2017 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 15) Margarita Lizárraga Medal 16) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2018-2020 17) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

161st Session of the Council, March/April 2019
Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters
1) Medium Term Plan 2018-21 (reviewed) and Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2019) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)
Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
5) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2019) (t.b.d.)
Governance Matters
6) Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General 7) Arrangements for the 41 st Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2019-22 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions
Other Matters
10) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 11) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-20 12) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

162nd Session of the Council, June/July 2019
Election of Committees
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee 2) Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee 3) Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
Other Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) Matters Arising out of the Conference Session 5) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 6) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-20 7) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

163rd Session of the Council, November/December 2019
Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approval of Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2019) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2019) (t.b.d.)
Committee on World Food Security
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (...2019) (t.b.d.)
Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2019) (t.b.d.)
Governance Matters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee • Programme Committee • CCLM • Regional Conferences • Technical Committees • Council 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-23 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions
Other Matters
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164th Session of the Council, June/July 2020
Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters 1) Programme Implementation Report 2018-2019 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2020) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.)
Regional Conferences 5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (...2020) (t.b.d.) 6) Report of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (...2020) (t.b.d.) 7) Report of the Regional Conference for the Europe (2020) (...t.b.d.) 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2020) (t.b.d.) 9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2020) (t.b.d.) 10) Report on the Informal Regional Conference for North America (...2020) (t.b.d.)
Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters 11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2020) (t.b.d.)
Governance Matters 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-23 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions
Other Matters 14) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 15) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2021 16) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council

165th Session of the Council, November/December 2020
<p>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</p> <p>1) Reviewed Strategic Framework and outline of the Medium Term Plan 2022-26 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2020) (t.b.d.) 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.) 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2020) (t.b.d.) (including a sub-item on Audited Accounts 2019)</p>
<p>Technical Committees and Committee on World Food Security</p> <p>5) Report of the Committee on Agriculture (2020) (t.b.d.) 6) Report of the Committee on Commodity Problems (2020) (t.b.d.) 7) Report of the Committee on Fisheries (2020) (t.b.d.) 8) Report of the Committee on Forestry (2020) (t.b.d.) 9) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</p> <p>10) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2020) (t.b.d.)</p>
<p>Governance Matters</p> <p>11) Arrangements for the 42nd Session of the Conference (including provisional agenda and Council recommendation on a theme for the general debate at Conference) 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2021-24 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions</p>
<p>Other Matters</p> <p>14) World Food Programme: i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2019 15) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO 16) Margarita Lizárraga Medal 17) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2022 18) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council</p>

Appendix H

Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-18

	2017		2018	
JANUARY	16 CGRFA	30/1-3/2		
FEBRUARY	165 FC IFAD/GC WFP	7-8/2 13-17 20-24	34 NERC IFAD/GC 30 ARC WFP	4-8 12-17 19-23 26/2-2/3
MARCH	104 CCLM 166 FC 121 PC	13-15 27-31 27-31	31 ERC 106 CCLM 35 LARC	5-9 12-14 26-30
APRIL	IFAD/EB 156 CL	10-14 24-28	IFAD/EB	16-20
MAY			34 APRC 168 FC 123 PC	30/4-4/5 21-25 21-25
JUNE	WFP	12-16	159 CL WFP	4-8 18-22
JULY	40 C 157 CL 40 CODEX	3-8 10 17-21 (Geneva)	41 CODEX 33 COFI 24 COFO	2-6 9-13 16-20
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	11-15	IFAD/EB 72 CCP	10-14 24-28
OCTOBER	44 CFS WFD 105 CCLM	9-13 16 (Mon) 23-25	26 COAG WFD 45 CFS 107 CCLM	1-5 16 (Tue) 15-20 22-24
NOVEMBER	167 FC 122 PC WFP	6-10 6-10 13-17	169 FC 124 PC WFP	12-16 12-16 19-23
DECEMBER	158 CL IFAD/EB	4-8 11-15	160 CL IFAD/EB	3-7 10-14

Easter:	16 April 2017	Easter:	1 April 2018
Orthodox Easter:	16 April 2017	Orthodox Easter:	8 April 2018
Ramadan:	27 May – 24 June 2017	Ramadan:	16 May – 14 June 2018
Eid Al-Fitr:	25 June 2017	Eid Al-Fitr:	15 June 2018
Eid Al-Adha:	1 September 2017	Eid Al-Adha:	22 August 2018

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	FC	Finance Committee
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ICN	International Conference on Nutrition
C	Conference	IFAD/AC	IFAD Audit Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EC	IFAD Evaluation Committee
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	IFAD/IX	IFAD IX Replenishment Session
CL	Council	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
		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

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Serge Tomasi (France)

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Argentina (Mr Claudio Javier Rozencwaig) *
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Yemen (Mr Haytham Abdulmomen Shoja'aadin)*

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

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Members

Angola (Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral)
Australia (Mr Matthew Worrell)*
Brazil (Mr Antonio Otávio Sá Ricarte)
China (Mr Niu Dun)*
Egypt (Mr Khaled El Taweel)
Equatorial Guinea (Mr Crisantos Obama Ondo)*

Germany (Mr Heiner Thofern)*
Philippines (Mr Lupino Lazaro Jr.)
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Sudan (Ms Abla Malik Osman Malik)
Trinidad and Tobago (Mr John C.E. Sandy)
United States of America (Ms Natalie Brown)*

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COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Lubomir Ivanov (Bulgaria)

Members

Dominican Republic (Mr Rawell Salomón Taveras Arbaje)*
Indonesia (Mr Royhan Nevy Wahab)
Liberia (Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff)
Papua New Guinea (Mr Lawrence Kalinoe)

San Marino (Ms Daniela Rotondaro)
Sudan (Mr Osama Mahmoud Humeida)
United States of America (Ms April Cohen)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2016

Term of office expiring

31 December 2016

Elected by FAO Council

Canada (D)
Colombia (C)
Equatorial Guinea (A)
Germany (D)
Saudi Arabia (B)
South Africa (A)

Elected by ECOSOC

Burundi (A)
Cuba (C)
Ethiopia (A)
Norway (D)
Pakistan (B)
Spain (D)

31 December 2017

Australia (D)
Denmark (D)
Guatemala (C)¹
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)²
Libya (A)
Poland (E)

China (B)³
Hungary (E)
Japan (D)
Panama (C)⁴
Swaziland (A)
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2018

Afghanistan (B)
Kuwait (B)
Mauritania (A)
Mexico (C)
Sweden (D)
United States of America (D)

Bangladesh (B)
France (D)
India (B)
Liberia (A)
Netherlands (D)
Russian Federation (E)

¹ Brazil stepped down on 31 December 2015 and Guatemala was elected to fill this seat from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

² This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List B (2015-2017) held by Iran (Islamic Republic of), List A (2018-2020), List C (2021-2023).

³ The Republic of Korea resigned effective 31 December 2015 and the ECOSOC Council elected China to fill the seat from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

⁴ Guatemala stepped down from this seat on 31 December 2015 and Panama was endorsed to complete the remainder of the term from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

FAO MEMBERS

194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

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

