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## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Fifty-sixth Session

Rome, 24-28 April 2017

### Arrangements for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (3-8 July 2017)

#### Executive Summary

This document contains a tentative Timetable for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference, proposals regarding elections and lists the Officers of the Conference for which candidates need to be nominated.

#### Suggested action by the Council

- a) Endorse the tentative timetable for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference set out in *Appendix A*;
- b) Propose a deadline for the receipt of nominations for Council Membership (for the periods July 2017 to June 2020 and July 2018 to June 2021)
- c) Propose candidates for the following Officers of the Conference:
  - Chairperson of Commission I;
  - Chairperson of Commission II;
  - Three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
  - Seven elected Members of the General Committee; and
  - Nine Members of the Credentials Committee.

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## A. Introduction

1. As decided by the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (6-13 June 2015), the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference will be held in Rome from Monday 3 to Saturday 8 July 2017.<sup>1</sup> The Provisional Agenda for the Session was approved by the 155<sup>th</sup> Session of Council (5-9 December 2016).
2. This document complements the arrangements for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Conference approved by the Council at its 155<sup>th</sup> Session, which are contained in C 2017/12, including the proposal that the topic for the General Debate of the Conference under item 9 "Review of the State of Food and Agriculture" be "Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security".

## B. Tentative Timetable

3. A tentative timetable for the Conference (*Appendix A*) is now submitted for consideration by the Council, and subsequent submission to the Conference for approval.

## C. Election of Council Members

4. In accordance with Rule XXII-10(a) GRO, the Conference decides the date of the election and the deadline by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted. Rule XXII-10(d) further specifies that the General Committee shall communicate the valid nominations received to the Conference at least three working days before the date selected for the election.
5. In the light of these requirements and considering the reduced length of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference, the Council may wish to recommend that the deadline for the receipt of nominations be set at 12.00 hours on Tuesday 4 July 2017, and the election held on Friday 7 July 2017.

## D. Officers of the Conference

6. The Council at its 155<sup>th</sup> Session (i) noted that in keeping with regional rotation, the Asia Regional Group had proposed The Honourable Emmanuel F. Piñol, Secretary for Agriculture of the Philippines, as Chairperson of the Conference, and (ii) endorsed the proposal. The Council also 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.
7. In keeping with Rule XXIV-5(b) of the General Rules of the Organization, the Council is requested to nominate candidates for the following positions:

- i. Chairperson of Commission I;
- ii. Chairperson of Commission II;
- iii. Three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
- iv. Seven elected Members of the General Committee; and
- v. Nine members of the Credentials Committee.

## E. Biennial Theme

8. In keeping with a recommendation of the Conference at its 39<sup>th</sup> Session (June 2015), 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", which will be submitted to the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of Conference (July 2017) for approval.

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<sup>1</sup> C 2015/REP para. 94

**Appendix A****Provisional Timetable of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference****Monday 3 July 2017****Morning (9.30-12.30) – Plenary (Plenary Hall)**

- Item 1** Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
- Item 2** Appointment of the General Committee and Credentials Committee
- Item 34** Any Other Matters
  - 34.1** McDougall Memorial Lecture
- Director-General's Statement**
- Independent Chairperson of the Council's Statement**

**(First Meeting of the General Committee)****Afternoon (14.30) – Plenary (Plenary Hall)**

- Item 3** Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
- Item 4** Admission of Observers
- [Item 5** Applications for Membership in the Organization (Vote)]
- Item 9** Review of the State of Food and Agriculture
- [Item 5** Applications for Membership in the Organization (Admission Ceremony)]

**Afternoon (15.30-18.30, or later if required)**

	<b>Plenary (Plenary Hall)</b>	<b>Commission I (Green Room)</b>	<b>Commission II (Red Room)</b>
<b>15.30-18.30 (or later if required)</b>	<b>Item 9:</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture	<p><b>Item 10:</b> Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:</p> <p><b>10.1:</b> Report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 4-8 April 2016)</p> <p><b>10.2:</b> Report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Putrajaya, Malaysia, 7-11 March 2016)</p> <p><b>10.3:</b> Report of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Antalya, Turkey, 4-6 May 2016)</p> <p><b>10.4:</b> Report of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, Mexico, 29 February-3 March 2016)</p> <p><b>10.5:</b> Report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Rome, Italy, 9-13 May 2016)</p> <p><b>10.6:</b> Input from the Fourth Informal Regional Conference for North America (Ottawa, Canada, 21-22 March 2016)</p> <p><b>Item 13:</b> Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals/ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p>	<p><b>Item 21:</b> Programme Implementation Report 2014-15</p> <p><b>Item 22:</b> Programme Evaluation Report 2017</p> <p><b>Item 23:</b> Reviewed Strategic Framework</p> <p><b>Item 24:</b> Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 (Draft Resolution on budget level)</p>

**Tuesday 4 July 2017**

	<b>Plenary (Plenary Hall)</b>	<b>Commission I (Green Room)</b>	<b>Commission II (Red Room)</b>
<b>09.30-12.30</b>	<b>Item 9 (cont'd):</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture	<p><b>Item 11:</b> Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from:</p> <p><b>11.1:</b> Report of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture (26-30 September 2016)</p> <p><b>11.2:</b> Report of the 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (4-6 October 2016)</p> <p><b>11.3:</b> Report of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (11-15 July 2016)</p> <p><b>11.4:</b> Report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry (18-22 July 2016)</p> <p><b>Item 12:</b> Reports of the 42<sup>nd</sup> (12-15 October 2015) and 43<sup>rd</sup> (17-21 October 2016) Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security</p>	<b>Item 24 (cont'd):</b> Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 (Draft Resolution on budget level)
<b>14.30-17.30 (or later if required)</b>	<b>Item 9 (cont'd):</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture	<p><b>Item 19:</b> United Nations/FAO World Food Programme</p> <p><b>Item 15:</b> Progress report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System</p> <p><b>Item 16:</b> Report of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (30 January – 3 February 2017)</p> <p><b>Item 17:</b> Outcome of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity: Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors</p>	<b>Item 24 (cont'd):</b> Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 (Draft Resolution on budget level)

**Wednesday 5 July 2017**

	<b>Plenary (Plenary Hall)</b>	<b>Commission I (Green Room)</b>	<b>Commission II (Red Room)</b>
<b>09.30-12.30</b>	<b>Item 9 (cont'd):</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture	<p><b>Item 14:</b> Progress Report on the Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition and Follow-up to the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)</p> <p><b>Item 18:</b> International Years and Days:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>18.1:</b> Evaluation of the International Year of Soils 2015</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>18.2:</b> Evaluation of the International Year of Pulses 2016</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>18.3:</b> Proposal for an International Year on Plant Health 2020</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>18.4:</b> Proposal for an International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>18.5:</b> Proposal for an International Year of Camelids</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>18.6:</b> Proposal for a World Bee Day</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>18.7:</b> Proposal for an International Day for the Fight against Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) Fishing</p>	<b>Item 24 (cont'd):</b> Medium Term Plan 2018-21 and Programme of Work and Budget 2018-19 (Draft Resolution on budget level)
<b>14.30-17.30 (or later if required)</b>	<b>Item 9 (cont'd):</b> Review of the State of Food and Agriculture	<i>(Drafting Committee Commission I)</i>	<p><b>Item 26:</b> Independent Assessment of the Technical Capacity of the Organization at Headquarters and in Decentralized Offices</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Drafting Committee Commission II)</i></p>

## Thursday 6 July 2017

	Plenary (Plenary Hall)	Commission I (Green Room)	Commission II (Red Room)
<b>09.30-12.30</b>	<i>[Papal Audience]</i>		
<b>14.30-17.30 (or later if required)</b>	<p><b>Item 25:</b> Implementation of FAO Governance Reform Actions</p> <p><b>Item 20:</b> Biennial Theme 2018-19</p> <p><b>Item 29:</b> Audited Accounts 2014 and 2015 (Draft Resolutions)</p> <p><b>Item 30:</b> Scale of Contributions 2018-19 (Draft Resolution)</p> <p><b>Item 31:</b> Payment by the European Union to Cover Administrative and other Expenses Arising out of its Membership in the Organization</p> <p><b>Item 32:</b> Other Administrative and Financial Matters</p> <p><b>Item 8:</b> Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee</p> <p><b>Item 34:</b> Any Other Matters</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>34.2:</b> Review of FAO Awards Ceremony</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b>34.3:</b> In Memoriam</p> <p><b>Item 33:</b> Date and Place of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Conference</p>	<p><b>Adoption of the Report of Commission I</b> <b>(time to be announced)</b></p>	<p><b>Adoption of the Report of Commission II</b> <b>(time to be announced)</b></p>

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**Friday 7 July 2017****Morning (09:30 - 12:30) - Plenary (Plenary Hall)**

**Item 24:** Adoption of the Draft Resolution on Budgetary Appropriations 2018-19 (Vote)  
**(part of)**

**Item 27:** Amendments to the Basic Texts (Vote)

**27.1:** Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Conference Resolution 9/2009 concerning qualifications for the Independent Chairperson of the Council (Draft Conference Resolution)

**27.2:** Amendment to Rule XXV, Paragraph 6 (a) of the General Rules of the Organization

**Item 28:** Other Constitutional and Legal Matters

**28.1:** FAO Constitution - Request from the United Nations Treaty Section for filing and recording

**Item 7:** Election of Council Members

**Item 6:** Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council

**Afternoon**

*(Processing of Report for submission to Plenary)*

**Saturday 8 July 2017****Plenary (Plenary Hall)**

Adoption of the Report of:

- Commission I
- Commission II
- Plenary