

# **REPORT**

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# **OF THE COUNCIL OF FAO**

**Hundred and Sixty-third Session**

**Rome, 2-6 December 2019**

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(as from 1 July 2019)

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Argentina <sup>3</sup>	Costa Rica <sup>3</sup>	Kuwait <sup>3, 15</sup>	South Africa <sup>1</sup>
Australia <sup>1</sup>	Dominican Republic <sup>4</sup>	Malaysia <sup>5</sup>	South Sudan <sup>4</sup>
Austria <sup>3, 13</sup>	Ecuador <sup>1</sup>	Mexico <sup>3</sup>	Sri Lanka <sup>2</sup>
Azerbaijan <sup>7</sup>	Egypt <sup>1</sup>	Monaco <sup>9</sup>	Uganda <sup>3</sup>
Bahamas <sup>3</sup>	Equatorial Guinea <sup>2</sup>	Nicaragua <sup>2</sup>	United Kingdom <sup>16</sup>
Belgium <sup>3</sup>	Finland <sup>1</sup>	Pakistan <sup>1</sup>	United States of America <sup>3</sup>
Brazil <sup>3</sup>	France <sup>3, 14</sup>	Peru <sup>10</sup>	Viet Nam <sup>2, 12</sup>
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## Procedure of the Session

### Introductory Items

1. The 163<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council was held in Rome from 2 to 6 December 2019 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Khalid Mehboob, Independent Chairperson of Council.

### Statement by the Director-General<sup>1</sup>

2. The Director-General, Mr QU Dongyu, delivered a statement to Council.

### Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable<sup>2</sup>

3. 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 Committee<sup>3</sup>

4. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Ms Clémentine Ananga Messina (Cameroon), Mr Hisham Mohamed Badr (Egypt) and Ms Marie Therese Sarch (United Kingdom).

5. The Council elected Ms Delphine Borione of France as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Canada, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, India, Japan, Russian Federation, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

## Programme of Work and Budget

### Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21<sup>4</sup>

6. The Council endorsed the reports of the Programme Committee, the Finance Committee, and their Joint Meeting with respect to the Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21.

7. The Council:

- a) welcomed the document reflecting the guidance and decisions of the Conference and the initial adjustments proposed by the Director-General;
- b) expressed satisfaction that the proposed adjustments would be managed within the overall approved budget level of USD 1,005.6 million through cost savings and efficiencies without negatively impacting the delivery of the agreed programme of work in accordance with Conference Resolution 13/2019;
- c) stressed the importance of multilingualism at FAO and underlined the importance of maintaining the integrity of language service capacity within the PWB 2020-21, including with regard to translation of flagship and other important publications;
- d) reiterated the guidance from its 161<sup>st</sup> Session on the need to take into account priorities for all countries, including middle-income countries and upper-middle income countries;
- e) welcomed the additional resources allocated to FAO's work on the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and on the Joint FAO/WHO food safety scientific advice programme which would address the backlog of related work; as well as the resources towards mainstreaming biodiversity; and asked that all these additional resources be incorporated in the ongoing programme of work;

<sup>1</sup> CL 163/PV/1; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>2</sup> CL 163/1; CL 163/INF/1; CL 163/INF/3; CL 163/PV/1; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>3</sup> CL 163/PV/1; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>4</sup> CL 163/3; CL 163/3 Information Notes 1 and 2; CL 163/3 Web Annexes 2-7; CL 163/4 para.5; CL 163/5 paras.12-13; CL 163/6 para.6; CL 163/PV/1; CL 163/PV/2; CL 163/PV/7

- f) looked forward to adequate funding for the Office of the Inspector General from within existing resources;
  - g) with regard to FAO's work on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), welcomed the agreement to include an indicator from the Tripartite Global Action Plan results framework in the FAO strategic results framework;
  - h) appreciated the establishment of the Women's Committee and the Youth Committee as a means of providing platforms for dialogue and outreach;
  - i) welcomed the proposal for creation of the Office for Innovation; Office for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Land-locked Developing Countries (LLDCs); and the Biodiversity Cluster; and provided that their staffing would have no negative impact on the capacity of technical units, approved their establishment; and
  - j) endorsed the updated organizational structure (Annex 1 of CL 163/3) and the revised budgeted post establishment (Web Annex 5 of CL 163/3).
8. The Council approved the revised distribution of the net appropriation by budgetary chapter as reflected in Table 3 of CL 163/3.

## Reports of the Committees of the Council

### Report of the Joint Meeting of the 127<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 178<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (November 2019)<sup>5</sup>

9. The Council endorsed the Report of the Joint Meeting, and:
- a) noted the outcomes of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) and the Joint Meeting on the use of unspent balances, and accordingly requested that the Secretariat submit for the benefit of a more fundamental discussion by the Council and its Committees a related paper. The paper shall take into account the need for consistency with the rule established in Financial Regulation 4.2 and other applicable Financial Rules and Regulations of the Organization, as well as related practices at UN and other relevant entities;
  - b) commended the progress, and exhorted continued efforts in the Organization's corporate zero-tolerance policy, processes and measures on the prevention of harassment, sexual harassment and authority abuse, as well as on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse; and looked forward to: a strengthened Key Performance Indicator (KPI) in the 2020-21 results framework; a related staff satisfaction survey for all employees of FAO; and an analysis regarding the potential added value of making available for all three Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) a common specialised expertise on investigative functions related to allegations of sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse;
  - c) looked forward to further discussion on RBA collaboration within the repositioning of the UN development system, and progress on strengthened partnerships and collaboration, including in strategic, administrative and financial areas; and requested FAO together with WFP and IFAD to provide a first assessment regarding the feasibility of integrating administrative functions, and greater collaboration in some oversight functions, to be submitted to the 2020 end of year sessions of the FAO Council and the Executive Boards of IFAD and WFP for consideration;
  - d) appreciated the additional information received on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, noted the related expectations including with regard to avoiding incremental financial obligations on the Organization, welcomed its intended use as a tool to accelerate the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDGs 1 and 2, and looked forward to further development of the Initiative, as well as the inclusion of all countries, including middle-income countries; and
  - e) acknowledging the necessary active role of the RBAs in preparing for the World Food Systems Summit, under the direct leadership of the UN Secretary-General, the Council

<sup>5</sup> CL 163/6; CL 163/6 Information Note 1; CL 163/12; JM 2019.2/3; CL 163/PV/2; CL 163/PV/3; CL 163/PV/7



likewise emphasized the need for FAO Members to be fully involved in the preparatory process from the beginning.

### **Report of the 127<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (4-8 November 2019)<sup>6</sup>**

10. The Council endorsed the Report of the Programme Committee, and:
- a) concurred with the recommendations of the Evaluation of FAO's strategic results framework, noting in particular the need for:
    - i. an FAO strategy that is aligned with the Agenda 2030 and the repositioning of the UN development system;
    - ii. the strengthening of the work of decentralized offices without negatively impacting the technical capacity at headquarters;
    - iii. an inclusive process for the development of the new Strategic Framework (including results indicators) that includes consultations with Members in FAO Governing Bodies, and in stand-alone consultations and extensive internal consultations at all levels;and noted the additional information provided in document CL 163/4 – Information Notes 1 and 2;
  - b) welcomed the Evaluation of FAO's private sector partnership strategy, and encouraged FAO to develop a new vision for private sector partnerships, and further integrate such partnerships in its work, underlining the need for due diligence processes, including related to conflicts of interests, balanced with transparent partnerships and cooperation in this regard;
  - c) welcomed the progress on the updated Gender Strategy for the Organization, recognized the importance of alignment with international frameworks, and looked forward to the FAO Gender Action Plan to be prepared in 2020;
  - d) welcomed the update on the Strategy and Vision for FAO's work in nutrition, and with regard to the introduction of a new concept of "sustainable healthy diet", recalled the terminology within the UN, including the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) jointly organised by FAO and WHO, and stressed the need for harmonizing with agreed UN language;
  - e) welcomed the progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), and underlined the importance of FAO's AMR portfolio and its shared responsibility in promoting prudent and appropriate uses of antimicrobials in the environment and the agriculture sectors, appreciated FAO's cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in the Tripartite Joint Secretariat (TJS);
  - f) requested that progress on efforts for the eradication of *peste des petits ruminants* (PPR) be considered at the May 2020 session of the Programme Committee;
  - g) commended the inclusive consultation process conducted following the request of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Conference, and adopted the FAO Strategy on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors;
  - h) commended the inclusive consultation process conducted following the request of the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the FAO Conference, and approved the revised version of the Ten Elements of Agroecology (CL 163/13 Rev.1) as a living document; and
  - i) noted document CL 163/3 - Information Note 2 on voluntary contributions detailed by programmatic and geographic dimensions and requested presentation of this information on a regular basis.

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<sup>6</sup> CL 163/4; CL 163/4 Information Notes 1 and 2; CL 163/11 Rev.1; CL 163/13 Rev.1; CL 163/PV/4; CL 163/PV/7

**Reports of the 176<sup>th</sup> (20-22 May 2019), the 177<sup>th</sup> (30-31 October 2019) and the 178<sup>th</sup> (4-8 November 2019) Sessions of the Finance Committee<sup>7</sup>**

11. The Council endorsed the Reports of the 176<sup>th</sup>, 177<sup>th</sup> and 178<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Finance Committee and, in particular:
- a) noting the financial position of the Organization, urged all Member Nations to make payment of assessed contributions on time and in full;
  - b) recommended the Draft Resolution for adoption by the Conference of the FAO Audited Accounts 2018 as set out in *Appendix C* to this Report;
  - c) welcomed FAO Management's commitment to reviewing the Organization's human resources (HR) management, and to increasing staff morale; and urged further efforts, especially in respect of delegation of authority, reducing vacancy rates, improving geographic representation and gender parity, especially at senior levels, while maintaining merit as the primordial criterion, and introducing more transparent recruitment processes; emphasized the need for professional leadership and capacity within the Office for Human Resources; and looked forward to completion of the 2019 staff satisfaction survey for all employees of FAO, as well as an HR action plan with timelines and results to be achieved to improve FAO's HR management;
  - d) noted the additional information on the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP); welcomed the confirmation of full implementation of the 2016-17 TCP appropriation by 31 December 2019; and looked forward to receiving regular information on TCP implementation and performance in future reports on the financial position of the Organization to the Finance Committee;
  - e) looked forward to reviewing the comprehensive evaluation of the TCP in 2020 to be presented to the Council through the Finance and Programme Committees;
  - f) endorsed the Committee's guidance provided on oversight matters, including with regard to the significant progress in implementing the recommendations of the Audit Committee, and the External Auditor, and requested Management to implement the remaining outstanding recommendations; and
  - g) emphasized the importance of the independence of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG); welcomed the progress on recruitment of a new Inspector General; noted the need for adequate funding of OIG from within the existing PWB appropriation in order to address its increased workload; and looked forward to reviewing the revised Charter for the Office.

**Report of the 109<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-22 October 2019)<sup>8</sup>**

12. The Council endorsed the Report of the 109<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), in particular its recommendations with regard to "Voting procedures under Rule XII, paragraph 10 of the General Rules of the Organization", and looked forward in this regard to:
- a) a comparative study on the rules and best practices of UN and other relevant entities;
  - b) consultations of the Independent Chairperson of the Council with the Regional Groups; and
  - c) discussion of these issues by the Council through the CCLM and, as appropriate, its other Committees.
13. The Council commended the work and activities of the Development Law Branch, including collaborative initiatives with other international organisations and partners, and stressed the importance for dissemination of information on such activities to Members, Governing Bodies and other *fora*.
14. The Council noted the reference to the discussion of the CCLM with regard to the use of unspent balances outlined under paragraph 9 a) above and underlined the importance of the role of the CCLM in any further such discussions.

<sup>7</sup> CL 163/5; CL 163/5 Information Note 1; CL 163/9; CL 163/10; C 2021/5 A; C 2021/5 B; CL 163/LIM/2; CL 163/PV/4; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>8</sup> CL 163/2; CL 163/PV/5; CL 163/PV/7

## Report of the Committee on World Food Security

### Report of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (14-18 October 2019)<sup>9</sup>

15. The Council endorsed the Report of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and:

- a) reiterated the challenge of achieving Zero Hunger by 2030 with 820 million (about one in every nine people in the world) currently suffering from hunger within the context of a rising trend over the past several years;
- b) reaffirmed the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind by taking more tangible steps to support people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries, and to reach the furthest behind first;
- c) noted the recommendations of the Report, underlining the importance of a number of considerations *inter alia* food safety, agroecological and other innovative approaches, poverty elimination, gender, youth, data, and inequalities, in the achievement of food security and improved nutrition, as well as noting the voluntary nature of the recommendations arising from the policy convergence process;
- d) endorsed the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2020-2023 which, through its prioritized thematic workstreams, provides a comprehensive framework for accelerating progress toward meeting SDG 2 targets by 2030, while noting the related footnote in the report of the Committee;<sup>10</sup>
- e) highlighted the importance of effective implementation of the MYPoW, which will be contingent upon sufficient financial and human resources, taking into consideration a manageable workload, and called for robust resource mobilization in this regard;
- f) recalled that the CFS constitutes the foremost inclusive international and inter-governmental platform for a broad range of committed stakeholders, who share responsibility for the uptake of CFS products;
- g) encouraged consideration of CFS involvement in the preparation of the planned World Food Systems Summit; and
- h) noted the need for striking optimal balance between CFS panel and plenary discussions; and improved, transparent and efficient working methods, including provision of adequate multilingual products and services.

## Governance Matters

### Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-23<sup>11</sup>

16. The Council reviewed and approved its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-23.

### Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (8-12 April 2019)<sup>12</sup>

17. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 161<sup>st</sup> Session (8-12 April 2019).

<sup>9</sup> C 2021/19; CL 163/PV/5; CL 163/PV/6; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>10</sup> [C 2021/19](#)

<sup>11</sup> CL 163/14; CL 163/PV/6; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>12</sup> CL 163/LIM/3; CL 163/PV/6; CL 163/PV/7

## Other Matters

### Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO<sup>13</sup>

18. Presentations on the following topics were delivered to Council for information only:
- a) 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (2-13 September 2019), India;
  - b) The International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour – 2021;
  - c) Recent developments in the intergovernmental processes for Sustainable Development Goal monitoring and reporting for FAO's work; and
  - d) The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019 addresses economic slowdowns and downturns impacting hunger.

### Working Methods of the Council<sup>14</sup>

19. The Council took note of recent improvements in its working methods, as well as of recommendations from Members for further improvements for the future.

### Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board<sup>15</sup>

20. 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 2020 to 31 December 2022) in accordance with the following distribution:

- List A: Angola and Somalia<sup>16</sup>
- List B: Saudi Arabia
- List C: Argentina<sup>17</sup>
- List D: Canada and Germany

### Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2018<sup>18</sup>

21. The Council welcomed and endorsed the Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and to the FAO Council on its activities in 2018.
22. In particular, the Council:
- a) acknowledged WFP's programme performance results in meeting its Strategic Objectives, supported by achievements by Management Results Dimensions;
  - b) recognized the commitment of WFP staff in the field that are working in challenging circumstances in addressing an unprecedented number of both Level 2 (L2) and Level 3 (L3) emergencies, including protracted crises;
  - c) welcomed the on-going implementation of the Integrated Road Map, including the Strategic Plan for 2017-2021, the country strategic planning, as well as the Financial Framework Review and the revised Corporate Results Framework, which fully align WFP's strategy to the Agenda 2030 and its principles; and
  - d) welcomed WFP's involvement in partnership and coordination efforts, including its engagement with partners towards SDGs, in particular SDGs 1 and 2.

<sup>13</sup> CL 163/INF/4; CL 163/PV/3; CL 163/PV/4; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>14</sup> CL 163/INF/5; CL 163/PV/6; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>15</sup> CL 163/7 Rev.1; CL 163/LIM/4; CL 163/PV/5; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>16</sup> Angola and South Africa reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Angola serving from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 and South Africa from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2022.

<sup>17</sup> Argentina and Dominican Republic reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Argentina serving from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2020 and Dominican Republic from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022.

<sup>18</sup> CL 163/8; CL 163/PV/5; CL 163/PV/7

### **Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-21<sup>19</sup>**

23. The Council approved the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2019-21, as reproduced in *Appendix D* to this Report.

### **Provisional Agenda for the 164<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (8-12 June 2020)<sup>20</sup>**

24. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 164<sup>th</sup> Session (8-12 June 2020), as contained in CL 163/INF/2.

### **Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee<sup>21</sup>**

25. In accordance with Article 6(c) of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Council, on behalf of the Conference, confirmed the appointment to the Staff Pension Committee of Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to FAO, replacing Mr Anton Minaev, as member, until 31 December 2019, and as alternate member from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2022.

### **Appointment of the Deputy Director-General<sup>22</sup>**

26. The Director-General informed the Council of his intention to appoint a new Deputy Director-General, Ms Elizabeth A. Bechdol.

27. The Council confirmed the appointment of Ms Elizabeth A. Bechdol to the position of FAO Deputy Director-General.

### **Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies<sup>23</sup>**

28. Mr Jakob Skoet, President of the AP-in-FAO, made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

### **Debriefing on the field visit to Turkey and Georgia by Senior Officials of Rome-based Permanent Representations (22-29 September 2019)<sup>24</sup>**

29. The Council was given a debriefing on the field visit to the Turkey and Georgia by Senior Officials of Rome-based Permanent Representations (22-29 September 2019).

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<sup>19</sup> CL 163/LIM/1; CL 163/PV/6; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>20</sup> CL 163/INF/2; CL 163/PV/6; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>21</sup> CL 163/LIM/6; CL 163/PV/6; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>22</sup> CL 163/LIM/5; CL 163/PV/3; CL 163/PV/7

<sup>23</sup> CL 163/PV/7

<sup>24</sup> CL 163/PV/7

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## **Appendix A**

### **Agenda for the 163<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council**

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#### **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 of Work and Budget**

3. Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21

#### **Reports of the Committees of the Council**

4. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 127<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 178<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (November 2019)
5. Report of the 127<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (4-8 November 2019)
6. Reports of the 176<sup>th</sup> (20-22 May 2019), the 177<sup>th</sup> (30-31 October 2019) and the 178<sup>th</sup> (4-8 November 2019) Sessions of the Finance Committee
  - 6.1 Audited Accounts - FAO 2018
  - 6.2 Status of Contributions and Arrears
7. Report of the 109<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-23 October 2019)

#### **Committee on World Food Security**

8. Report of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (14-18 October 2019)

#### **Governance Matters**

9. Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-23
10. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council (8-12 April 2019)

#### **Other Matters**

11. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
12. Working Methods of the Council
13. World Food Programme:
  - 13.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board
  - 13.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2018
14. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-21
15. Provisional Agenda for the 164<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (8-12 June 2020)
16. Any Other Matters
  - 16.1 Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

- 16.2 Appointment of the Deputy Director-General
- 16.3 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies

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## Appendix B

### List of Documents

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CL 163/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 163/2	Report of the 109 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (21-23 October 2019)
CL 163/3	Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21
CL 163/3 Information Note 1	Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21
CL 163/3 Information Note 2	Voluntary contributions in the biennia 2014-15, 2016-17 and 2018-19
CL 163/3-WA2	Web Annex 2: Cost increase assumptions - update
CL 163/3-WA3	Web Annex 3: Results Framework 2020-21 – Strategic and Functional Objectives
CL 163/3-WA4	Web Annex 4: Output indicators and targets 2020-21
CL 163/3-WA5	Web Annex 5: Post count by grade group and organizational unit
CL 163/3-WA6	Web Annex 6: Adjustments to 2020-21 Net Appropriation by department and office
CL 163/3-WA7	Web Annex 7: 2020-21 Net Appropriation and extrabudgetary resources by chapter and region
CL 163/4	Report of the 127 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (Rome,4-8 November 2019)
CL 163/4 Information Note 1	Process for consultation on the development of the new Strategic Framework
CL 163/4 Information Note 2	FAO Strategy for Agenda 2030 and UN development system repositioning
CL 163/5	Report of the 178 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (4-8 November 2019)
CL 163/5 Information Note 1	Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP)
CL 163/6	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 127 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and the 178 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (November 2019)
CL 163/6 Information Note 1	The Hand-in-Hand Initiative
CL 163/7 Rev.1	Membership of the WFP Executive Board
CL 163/8	2018 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council
CL 163/9	Report of the 176 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (20-22 May 2019)
CL 163/10	Report of the 177 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (30-31 October 2019)
CL 163/11 Rev.1	FAO Strategy on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors
CL 163/12	Annual Report on Corporate Policy, Processes and Measures on the Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse, including results of staff satisfaction survey



CL 163/13 Rev.1      The Ten Elements of Agroecology  
CL 163/14              Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2020-23

**C 2021 Series**

C 2021/5 A              Audited Accounts - FAO 2018  
C 2021/5 B              Audited Accounts - FAO 2018  
Part B - Report of the External Auditor  
C 2021/19              Report of the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security  
(14-18 October 2019)

**CL 163 INF Series**

CL 163/INF/1          Provisional Timetable  
CL 163/INF/2          Provisional Agenda for the 164<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (8-12 June 2020)  
CL 163/INF/3          Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union  
and its Member States  
CL 163/INF/4          Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO  
CL 163/INF/5          Note on the Methods of Work of the Council

**CL 163 LIM Series**

CL 163/LIM/1          Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2019-21  
CL 163/LIM/2          Status of Contributions and Arrears as at 25 November 2019  
CL 163/LIM/3          Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 161<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council  
(8-12 April 2019)  
CL 163/LIM/4          Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board  
CL 163/LIM/5          Appointment of the Deputy Director-General  
CL 163/LIM/6          Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension  
Committee

**JM Series**

JM 2019.2/3              Progress Report on Rome-based Agencies collaboration

**Other Documents**

List of Delegates and Observers  
Lists of Members of the United Nations or Member Nations of FAO for the  
purpose of Elections for the WFP Executive Board

**CL 163/Report for  
Adoption**              Report of Plenary for Adoption

**CL 163 PV Series**

CL 163/PV/1 to Verbatim Records of Plenary

CL 163/PV/7

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**Appendix C**  
**Draft Resolution for the Conference**  
**FAO Audited Accounts 2018**

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**THE CONFERENCE,**

**Having considered** the report of the 163rd Session of the Council, and

**Having examined** the 2018 FAO Audited Accounts and the External Auditor's Report thereon

**Adopts** the Audited Accounts.

## Appendix D

### Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2021

	2020		2021	
<b>JANUARY</b>				
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	179 FC IFAD/GC 35 APRC WFP	6-7 10-14 17-20 24-28	IFAD/GC WFP	15-19 22-26
<b>MARCH</b>	35 NERC 110 CCLM 31 ARC	2-4 16-18 23-27	18 CGRFA 112 CCLM 182 FC 130 PC 166 CL	1-5 8-10 22-26 22-26 29/3-2/4
<b>APRIL</b>	INARC IFAD/EB 36 LARC	6-10 20-24 27-29	IFAD/EB	19-23
<b>MAY</b>	32 ERC 180 FC 128 PC	5-7 18-22 18-22		
<b>JUNE</b>	164 CL 25 COFO WFP	8-12 22-26 29/6-3/7	WFP	21-25
<b>JULY</b>	43 CODEX* 34 COFI	6-11 (Rome) 13-17	44 CODEX 42 C 167 CL	5-9 (Geneva) 12-16 19
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB 73 CCP 27 COAG	7-11 23-25 28/9-2/10	IFAD/EB	13-17
<b>OCTOBER</b>	47 CFS WFD 111 CCLM	12-16 16 (Friday) 26-28	48 CFS WFD 113 CCLM	11-15 15 (Friday) 25-27
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	181 FC 129 PC WFP 165 CL	9-13 9-13 16-20 30/11-4/12	183 FC 131 PC WFP 168 CL	8-12 8-12 15-19 29/11-3/12
<b>DECEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB	7-11	IFAD/EB	13-17

Easter: 12 April 2020  
 Orthodox Easter: 19 April 2020  
 Ramadan: 24 April – 23 May 2020  
 Eid Al-Fitr: 24 May 2020  
 Eid Al-Adha: 31 July 2020

Easter: 4 April 2021  
 Orthodox Easter: 2 May 2021  
 Ramadan: 13 April – 12 May 2021  
 Eid Al-Fitr: 13 May 2021  
 Eid Al-Adha: 20 July 2021

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	PC	Programme Committee
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board

## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

(July 2019 - July 2021)

### Chairperson

Mr Hans Hoogeveen  
(Netherlands)

### Members

Argentina (Ms María Cristina Boldorini)  
Canada (Ms Jennifer Fellows)  
Chile (Ms Tamara Villanueva)  
China (Mr Ni Hongxing)  
France (Ms Delphine Borione)  
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (Mr Mohammad Hossein Emadi)  
Jordan (Mr Salah Yousef Ahmad Al-Tarawneh)  
Malaysia (Mr Muhammad Rudy Khairudin Mohd Nor)  
Mali (Ms Traore Kone)  
New Zealand (Mr Don Syme)  
United Kingdom (Ms Terri Sarch)  
Zambia (Mr Kayoya Masuhwa)

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

(July 2019 - July 2021)

### Chairperson

Ms Imelda Smolcic  
(Uruguay)

### Members

Australia (Ms Lynda Hayden)  
Bangladesh (Mr Manash Mitra)  
Brazil (Mr Rodrigo Estrela de Carvalho)  
Egypt (Mr Haitham Abdelhady)  
Ethiopia (Mr Mitiku Tesso Jebessa)  
Germany (Mr Heiner Thofern)  
Japan (Mr Toru Hisazome)  
Mexico (Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma)  
Niger (Ms Rahila Rabiou Tahirou)  
Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)  
Sudan (Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain Hamid Alamain)  
United States of America (Ms Emily Katkar)

## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

(July 2019 - July 2021)

### Chairperson

Ms Daniela Rotondaro  
(San Marino)

### Members

Fiji (Ms Esala Nasayi)  
Gabon (Mr Charles Essonghe)  
Jordan (Mr Ali Albsoul)  
Nicaragua (Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone)  
Philippines (Mr Theodore Andrei Bauzon)  
Spain (Mr Rafael Osorio de Rebellón)  
United States of America (Ms Emily Katkar)

## WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2019

### Term of office expiring

### Elected by FAO Council

### Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2019

Angola (A)<sup>1</sup>  
Argentina (C)  
Canada (D)  
Congo (A)  
Germany (D)  
Pakistan (B)

Colombia (C)<sup>2</sup>  
Egypt (A)  
Luxembourg (D)<sup>3</sup>  
Saudi Arabia (B)  
Spain (D)<sup>3</sup>  
Sudan (A)

31 December 2020

Algeria (A)  
Belgium (D)<sup>4</sup>  
Brazil (C)  
Equatorial Guinea (A)<sup>5</sup>  
Ireland (D)<sup>4</sup>  
Poland (E)

China (B)  
Guatemala (C)  
Hungary (E)  
Japan (D)  
Lesotho (A)  
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2021

Afghanistan (B)<sup>6</sup>  
Kuwait (B)<sup>7</sup>  
Mexico (C)<sup>8</sup>  
Netherlands (D)  
Nigeria (A)<sup>9</sup>  
United States of America (D)

Burkina Faso (A)  
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)  
Republic of Korea (B)  
Sweden (D)  
Switzerland (D)  
Russian Federation (E)

<sup>1</sup> Angola and Zimbabwe reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Zimbabwe serving in 2017 and 2018, and Angola serving in 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Colombia and Mexico reached an agreement to share an ECOSOC-elected seat, with Mexico serving in 2017 and Colombia serving in 2018 and 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Greece and Norway resigned their seats effective 31 December 2018 and Luxembourg and Spain will complete their respective terms of office from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

<sup>4</sup> Belgium and Ireland resigned their seats effective 31 December 2019, with Denmark and Norway completing their respective terms from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.

<sup>5</sup> Rotating seat occupied by a country of List A (2018-2020) held by Equatorial Guinea.

<sup>6</sup> Afghanistan and India reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Afghanistan serving in 2019 and India serving in 2020 and 2021.

<sup>7</sup> Kuwait and Afghanistan reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Kuwait serving in 2019 and 2020 and Afghanistan serving in 2021.

<sup>8</sup> Mexico and Peru reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Mexico serving in 2019 and Peru serving in 2020 and 2021.

<sup>9</sup> Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Nigeria serving in 2019 and Côte d'Ivoire serving in 2020 and 2021.

## FAO MEMBERS

**194 Member Nations**  
**2 Associate Members**  
**1 Member Organization**

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

