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COUNCIL

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Election of Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee

1. Under Rule XXVI of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Programme Committee consists of a Chairperson and 12 Members (two Members from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Near East, and one Member from North America and from Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee should communicate the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience, to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council (Rule XXVI.2 of the GRO).
2. The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provides for Member Nations of the Organization to stand for election for a specific region, as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the nominated representatives of Member Nations. The Chairperson shall be elected on the basis of individual qualifications and shall not represent a region or a country.
3. The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the candidates for (i) the office of Chairperson is given in *Appendix A* and for (ii) Membership of the Committee is given in *Appendix B*.

4. The following nomination has been received for the post of Chairperson of the Programme Committee:

Ms Yael Rubinstein (Israel)

5. The following nominations have been received for election to the Programme Committee:

AFRICA	MALI	(Ms Traoré Halimatou Koné)
	ZAMBIA	(Mr Kayoya Masuhwa)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	CHINA	(Mr Ni Hongxing)
	INDIA	(Mr Bommakanti Rajender)
EUROPE	FRANCE	(Ms Delphine Babin Pelliard)
	NORWAY	(Mr Morten Aasland)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	ARGENTINA	(Mr Carlos Bernardo Cherniak)
	BRAZIL	(Mr Fernando José Marroni de Abreu)
NEAR EAST	IRAQ	(Mr Zaid Al-Ani)
	SUDAN	(Ms Sadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak)
NORTH AMERICA	CANADA	(Mr Maarten de Groot)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	NEW ZEALAND	(Mr Donald Syme)

6. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10 of this Rule, the Chairperson may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than seats to be filled.

APPENDIX A**ISRAEL**

Name: **Ms YAEL RUBINSTEIN**

Present functions/activities:

November 2019 - present	Ambassador of Israel to the UN organizations in Rome
From January 2021 (for six months period)	Chair of the European Regional Group – comprising 48 member states and the European Union.

Main previous functions/activities

November 2017-	Deputy Director General, Economics and Projects Division – The Ministry of Regional Cooperation
September 2013 – August 2017	Ambassador of Israel to Singapore and non-resident Ambassador of Israel to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
November 2011 – August 2013	Senior Political Advisor at J5 IDF
August 2010 – August 2011	Fellow at the NSC (National Security College)
September 2005 – September 2009	Ambassador of Israel to the Kingdom of Thailand, and non-resident Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia
2003 – 2005	Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary (non-resident) of Slovakia, Slovenia and Croatia; Central Europe Department, MFA Jerusalem
September 2001 – April 2003	Director, Economic Affairs Department 2, MFA Jerusalem
August 1999 – August 2001	Director, Economic Affairs Department 3, MFA Jerusalem
September 1997 – August 1999	International Organizations Department, MFA Jerusalem
August 1995 – September 1997	Counselor, Delegation to UN in New York
July 1991 – August 1995	North America Department, MFA Jerusalem
May 1990 – June 1991	Assistant to the Senior Deputy Director General's Bureau, MFA Jerusalem
August 1989 – April 1990	Economic Affairs Department, MFA Jerusalem
April 1989 – August 1989	First Secretary, London
September 1986 – March 1989	Second Secretary, London
November 1983 – May 1986	Personnel Training Department
1982 – 1983	Parliamentary aid, the Knesset
1979 – 1983	Teaching Assistant, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1979 – 1980	Lecture Assistant, Falk Institute
1978	Guide for the Israeli Society for the Protection of Nature
1976 – 1977	Officer in the Air Force, Israel Defence Force (IDF)

APPENDIX B**ARGENTINA**

Name: **Mr CARLOS BERNARDO CHERNIAK**

Present functions/activities:

Since 2019 Permanent Representative of Argentina to FAO, IFAD and WFP since
December 2019

Main previous functions/activities:

Since 1990 to 2019 Lawyer, professor of international relations theory and a career diplomat, with a strong experience in human rights, international negotiation and cooperation.
Previously, Ambassador Cherniak served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina, as Director of Parliamentary Affairs (2016-2019), Director of the Nuclear and Defense Affairs Office (2006-2010), and as Specialist Officer at the Cabinet's Office of the Under Secretary of Institutional Relations (1998-2000). He was posted as Deputy Chief of Mission and head of the Political Office at Argentine Embassy to Italy, where he played an important role in promoting human rights and bilateral cooperation (2010-2016). Ambassador Cherniak has a postgraduate diploma and postgraduate certificates in International Relations (FLACSO University, Argentina; The John Hopkins University. SAIS. Bologna Center, Italy) and he is a passionate sports player (football, tennis and boxing)

BRAZIL

Name: **Mr FERNANDO JOSÉ MARRONI DE ABREU**

Present functions/activities:

2018-present Permanent Representative of Brazil to FAO, IFAD and WFP (Rome)

Main previous functions/activities:

2016-2018	Undersecretary General for Africa and the Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brazil)
2015-2016	Undersecretary General for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Brazil)
2012-2015	Director of the Brazilian Cooperation Agency - ABC (Brazil)
2008-2012	Ambassador of Brazil in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
2005-2008	Minister-Counselor in the Embassy of Brazil in Madrid

CANADA

Name: Mr MAARTEN DE GROOT

Present functions/activities:

2021-present Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada - Designate

Main previous functions/activities

2017-2021	Deputy Director, Colombia Development Program Embassy of Canada to Colombia, Bogota, Colombia
2015-2017	Deputy Director – Food Security Policy Global Issues and Development Branch Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Canada
2014-2015	Sr. Environment Policy Adviser Global Issues and Development Branch Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development, Gatineau, QC, Canada
2012-2014	Deputy Coordinator and Sr. Regional Environment Specialist (Covering Ethiopia, Tanzania, Mozambique, Kenya, South Sudan) Regional Service Centre (RSC), Canadian High Commission Nairobi, Kenya
2009-2012	Deputy Director, Ethiopia Program, Adviser: Food Security and Agriculture CIDA, Canadian Embassy, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2007-2009	Regional Water and Environment Specialist, Americas Branch (Covering Central and South America) CIDA, Canadian Cooperation Office, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
2002-2007	Water Specialist/Project Manager, Americas Branch CIDA, Gatineau, Canada
2001-2002	Program Analyst, Water Environment Protection Program City of Ottawa, R.O. Pickard Environmental Centre, Ottawa, Canada
2000-2001	Civil Engineer, Water and Sanitation Extension Programme (WASEP) Aga Khan Foundation Canada, Gilgit, Pakistan

CHINA

Name: Mr NI HONGXING

Present functions/activities:

2018 Deputy Permanent Representative of China to Rome Based Agencies

Main previous functions/activities

2008-2018 Director General, Agricultural Trade Promotion Center (ATPC),
Ministry of Agriculture, P.R.China

Participated in WTO Ministerial Conferences and Negotiations on
Agriculture

Participated in Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Negotiations on
Agriculture between China-ASEAN, China-Australia, and China-Chile

FRANCE

Name: Ms DELPHINE BABIN PELLIARD

Present functions/activities:

since September 2017 Agricultural and Food Security Counsellor
 Permanent Representation of France to FAO, WFP and IFAD
 Rome - ITALY

Main previous functions/activities

Nov.12-Aug.17	SUN Country Liaison Team Coordinator Scaling-Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement Secretariat, Office of the UN special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition - United Nations - Geneva - SWIZERLAND
2010-2012	Head of the Food Security and Nutrition Office French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Global Public Goods Directorate – Paris - FRANCE
2008-2009	Food Security, Nutrition and development policies Officer French Ministry of Agriculture, International Relations Office – Paris - FRANCE
2002-2007	Technical Assistant, Monitoring and Evaluation Office Malian Company for the Textiles' Development (CMDT) Bamako - MALI
1999-2001	Consultant – Agroeconomist LAOS
1998-1999	Food Aid Officer Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Paris - FRANCE

INDIA

Name: **Mr BOMMAKANTI RAJENDER**

Present functions/activities:

17 January 2019 to present

Alternate Permanent Representative of India to FAO, IFAD and WFP.
List B Convenor of WFP and Vice President of WFP Executive Board.
Bureau member of Committee on World Food Security, Member of International Steering Committee of International Year of Plant Health, International Year of Fruits and Vegetables.
Chairperson of Committee on Agriculture of FAO.
Chair of Asia Regional Group.
Member of Executive Board of IFAD.
Member of Evaluation Committee of IFAD.
Chairperson of Commission II of the 41st FAO Conference in 2019.
Member of Drafting Committee of FAO 161st Council and 35 APRC.

Main previous functions/activities

July 2015 to December 2019

As an Indian Administrative Service Officer with an experience of 26 years, served as Joint Secretary of Agriculture in the Government of India and was responsible for National Food Security Mission, National Plant Protection Authority and National Seed Sector.
National focal point for market access of agricultural commodities in the department, I was looking after Codex, pesticide registration and bio security matters.
In the provincial Government of Bihar served as Director, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture.
Managing Director of State Seeds Corporation.
Served as Joint Secretary, Water Resources in the Government of India looking after policy and planning of water resources of the country.

IRAQ

Name: **Mr ZAID AL-ANI**

Present functions/activities:

2021 Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the UN
Agencies in Rome

Main previous functions/activities

2016-2020 Diplomat in Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq

MALI

Name: **Ms TRAORÉ HALIMATOU KONÉ**

Present functions/activities:

2017 Deputy Permanent Representative of Mali to FAO, IFAD and WFP

Main previous functions/activities

2011-2014

- National Director of Veterinary Services of Mali
- Official Delegate of Mali to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- Expert member for the list of Veterinary Medicinal Products for authorisation to be placed on the market of the WAEMU Commission
- UNEP/GEF Regional Coordinator for WEST Africa

NEW ZEALAND

Name: **Mr DONALD SYME**

Present functions/activities:

Since 2018	Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO - New Zealand's Primary Industry Representative in Rome covering all FAO related work programmes. - New Zealand representative in some OECD Committee meetings including current Chair of OECD Committee on Fisheries - Vice Chair of CFS - SWP representative of COFI and CFS bureaus
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Main previous functions/activities:

2016–2017	Manager International Fisheries Management - Manager responsible for New Zealand's engagement in multilateral and regional fisheries fora - Manager of a cross-disciplinary team undertaking capacity development in the Pacific Islands.
2010–2016	Senior Policy Analyst - International Fisheries Management - New Zealand's head of delegation to Western and Central Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation - Member of Governance Steering Group for major joint venture partnership with the Private Sector - Member of policy team making major policy reforms to the aquaculture sector
2008–2010	Private Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries

NORWAY

Name: **Mr MORTEN AASLAND**

Present functions/activities:

Nov 2020 - present Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the Rome-based UN agencies

Ambassador Aasland has a long career in the Norwegian Foreign Service, with positions in the field of security policy, European and transatlantic policy, and stability and conflict in particular.

Main previous functions/activities:

2018 - 2020 Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the African Union and the UN Economic Commission for Africa, ECA, based in Addis Abeba

2015 - 2018 Ambassador for Migration Affairs at the MFA in Oslo

2012 - 2015 Ambassador to Sudan, Chad, CAR and Eritrea, based in Khartoum

He held the MFA North America portfolio (2007-2012) and before that headed up a Foreign Ministry review and White paper on global change and national interest.

Minister Counsellor at the Norwegian Embassy in Washington DC (2002-2006), at the Prime Minister's Office in Oslo, and at embassies and delegations in Stockholm, Vienna and Santiago de Chile.

SUDAN

Name: **Ms SADIA ELMUBARAK AHMED DAAK**

Present functions/activities:

2017 Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO/IFAD/WFP

Main previous functions/activities:

2013-2017 Director Food Security Planning and Policy Department

ZAMBIA

Name: **Mr KAYOYA MASUHWA**

Present functions/activities:

2013 - present Zambian Embassy in Rome (ITALY). Alternate Permanent Representative, Agricultural Attaché. Co-ordinate the Rome-based United Nations Organizations (FAO, WFP and IFAD). Promote the interest of Zambia in the UN agencies as well as in Italy. Present Zambia as a good destination for Agricultural Investment.

Main previous functions/activities:

2003 - 2011 Executive Director Programme Against Malnutrition (PAM)

- Directing the development and implementation of policies, strategies and operational plans.
- Ensuring development of budgets and plans
- Implementing controls and monitoring and evaluation
- Providing leadership and coordinating reports

1998-2003 Chief Agric. Officer (MAL). Conduct supervision of M & E of the Department of Agriculture in order to facilitate the implementation of intervention measures

1992-1998 District Agriculture Coordinator (MAL). Coordinate the provision of extension services in order to facilitate dissemination of information and technology for improved productivity.