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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF FAO

Hundred and Sixty-seventh Session 29 June 2021



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

COUNCIL

(as from the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Hans Hoogeveen

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¹ Term of office: end of the 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019) to 30 June 2022

² Term of office: 1 July 2020 – end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

 3 Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – 30 June 2024

⁴ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

 5 Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – 30 June 2022

⁶ Israel replaced Austria from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022

⁷ Italy replaced France 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022

⁸ Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2022 to the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

⁹ United Kingdom will replace Spain from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024

COUNCIL

(as from 1 July 2022)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Hans Hoogeveen

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Bangladesh ²	Eritrea
Belarus ²	Ethiop
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	France
Brazil ³	
Cameroon ⁴	Germa
Canada ³	Guater
Chile ²	Guinea
China ²	India ¹

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¹ Term of office: 1 July 2020 - end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

 2 Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – 30 June 2024

³ Term of office: 1 July 2022 – end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁴ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)
⁵ Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2022 to the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

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Introductory Items¹

1. The 167th Session of the Council was held on 29 June 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

2. The Session was convened virtually, on an exceptional basis, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health concerns.

3. The Council <u>confirmed</u>, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, that it agreed to the suspension of any rules incompatible with the virtual setting, specifically Rule II.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, which provides that each session of the Council shall be held at the seat of the Organization.

Adoption of the Agenda²

4. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and <u>adopted</u> the Agenda for the Session.

5. The Council <u>approved</u> the special procedures outlined in Section II of document CL 167/INF/3, *Methods of Work for the 167th Session of the Council.*

6. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons³

7. The Council <u>elected</u> three Vice-Chairpersons for the Session: Ms Maria de Fatima Jardim (Angola); Mr Mohamed Elmouataz Osman (Sudan); Ms Alison Storsve (United States of America).

Election of Committees

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee⁴

8. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council <u>elected</u> the following to the Programme Committee for the <u>period July 2021 – July 2023</u>:

Chairperson:	Ms Yael Rubinstein	(Israel)
Members:	Argentina	(Mr Carlos Bernardo Cherniak)
	Brazil	(Mr Fernando José Marroni de Abreu)
	Canada	(Mr Maarten de Groot)
	China	(Mr Ni Hongxing)
	France	(Ms Delphine Babin-Pelliard)
	India	(Mr Bommakanti Rajender)
	Iraq	(Mr Zaid Al-Ani)
	Mali	(Ms Traoré Halimatou Koné)
	New Zealand	(Mr Donald Syme)
	Norway	(Mr Morten Aasland)
	Sudan	(Ms Saadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak)
	Zambia	(Mr Kayoya Masuhwa)

¹ CL 167/PV/1

² CL 167/1; CL 167/INF/1; CL 167/INF/3; CL 167/PV/1

³ CL 167/PV/1

⁴ CL 167/3; CL 167/LIM/1; CL 167/PV/1

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee⁵

9. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council <u>elected</u> the following to the Finance Committee for the <u>period July 2021 – July 2023</u>: 6,7

Chairperson:	Ms Imelda Smolcic	(Uruguay)
Members:	Australia	(Ms Lynda Hayden)
	Egypt	(Mr Haitham Abdelhady)
	Ethiopia	(Mr Kaba Urgessa Dinssa)
	Japan	(Mr Kuraya Yoshihiro)
	Mexico	(Mr Miguel García Winder)
	Niger	(Ms Rahila Rabiou Tahirou)
	Panama	(Mr Tomás Duncan Jurado)
	Russian Federation	(Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)
	Saudi Arabia	(Mr Mohammed M. Alghamdi)
	Sweden	(Ms Pernilla Ivarsson)
	Thailand	(Mr Thanawat Tiensin)
	United States of America	(Ms Jennifer Harhigh)

Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters⁸

10. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council <u>elected</u> the following to the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters for the <u>period July 2021 – July 2023</u>:

Ms Alison Storsve	(United States of America)
Afghanistan	(Mr Khaled Ahmad Zekriya)
Algeria	(Ms Lamia Ben Redouane)
Canada	(Ms Julie Emond)
Fiji	(Mr Esala Nayasi)
Nicaragua	(Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone)
Philippines	(Ms Nina P. Cainglet)
Slovakia	(Ms Zora Weberova)
	Afghanistan Algeria Canada Fiji Nicaragua Philippines

⁵ CL 167/3; CL 167/LIM/2; CL 167/PV/1

⁶ Two Members (Canada and United States of America) chose to disassociate from consensus on the election of Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation) as a member of the Finance Committee; CL 167/PV/1

⁷ Four Members (Belarus, China, Ethiopia and Russian Federation) rebutted the disassociation of Canada and United States of America of the election of Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation); CL 167/PV/1

⁸ CL 167/3; CL 167/LIM/3; CL 167/PV/1

Other Matters

Matters Arising out of the Conference Session⁹

11. The Council considered matters arising out of the 42nd Session of the Conference, and noted in this regard that:

- a) a comprehensive review on the process for reinstating voting rights for Member Nations in arrears would be reviewed by the appropriate Governing Bodies, including the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, and supported by a process of informal consultations led by the Independent Chairperson of the Council with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups;
- b) informal consultations on a Code of Conduct for Voting would continue, led by the Independent Chairperson of the Council, with a view to preparing a text to be submitted for consideration by the 43rd Session of the Conference;
- c) it would consider a comprehensive review for the possible use of an online voting system, following Membership consultations under the leadership of the Independent Chairperson of the Council;
- d) the Report of the 18th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture would be taken up at its 168th Session;
- e) Conference guidance on the Strategic Framework 2022-31, and the Medium Term Plan 2022-25/Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 *inter alia* on the relationship between the Four Betters and the Sustainable Development Goals;
- f) further review of the FAO Climate Change Strategy; and
- g) review of implementation of guidance relating to multilingualism.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22¹⁰

12. The Council took note of the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2021-22, as reproduced in *Appendix C* to this Report. In this regard, the Council noted that the 2022 informal Regional Conference for North America was expected to take place in April 2022 subject to confirmation.

Tentative Agenda for the 168th Session of the Council (November-December 2021)¹¹

13. The Council <u>endorsed</u> the Tentative Agenda for its 168th Session as amended, including a dedicated item on the Food Coalition.

⁹ CL 167/PV/1

¹⁰ CL 167/2; CL 167/PV/1

¹¹ CL 167/INF/2; CL 167/PV/1

Appendix A

Agenda for the 167th Session of the Council

Introductory Items

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- 4. Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee
- 5. Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Other Matters

- 6. Matters Arising out of the Conference Session
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CL 167/INF/1	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 167/INF/2	Tentative Agenda for the 168th Session of the Council (November- December 2021)
CL 167/INF/3	Note on the Methods of Work of the Council

CL 167 LIM Series

CL 167/LIM/1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee
CL 167/LIM/2	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee
CL 167/LIM/3	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Appendix C

Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22

		2021		2022	
JANUARY	73 CCP	22			
	184 FC (WFP)	28-29			
FEBRUARY	34 COFI	1-5	36 NERC	7-11	
FEDRUARI	47 CFS	8-11	IFAD/GC	14-18	
	IFAD/GC	15-19	32 ARC	21-25	
	73 CCP	19	WFP	28/2-4/3	
	(cont'd)				
	WFP	22-24			
MARCH	112 CCLM	8-10	36 APRC	8-11	
MARCH	74 CCP	10-12	114 CCLM	21-23	
	185 FC	22-26	37 LARC	28/3-1/4	
	130 PC	22-26			
APRIL	IFAD/EB	19-23	INARC	TBC	
	166 CL	26/4-1/5	IFAD/EB	25-29	
MAY			33 ERC	10-13	
			189 FC	16-20	
			132 PC	16-20	
JUNE	48 CFS	4	190 FC (WFP)	1-3	
JUNE	186 FC (WFP)	7-9	169 CL	13-17	
	42 C	14-18	WFP	20-24	
	WFP	21-25	45 CODEX (Rome)	27/6-1/7	
	167 CL	29			
JULY			75 CCP	13-15	
3011			28 COAG	18-22	
AUGUST					
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	13-17	35 COFI	5-9	
SEI TEMBER	18 CGRFA	27/9-1/10	IFAD/EB	12-16	
OCTOBER	49 CFS	11-15	26 COFO	3-7	
OCTOBER	WFD	15 (Friday)	WFD	17 (Monday)	
	113 CCLM	25-27	50 CFS	17-21	
	187 FC (WFP)	28-29	115 CCLM	24-26	
			191 FC (WFP)	27-28	
NOVEMBER	188 FC	8-12	192 FC	7-11	
NUVENIDEK	131 PC	8-12	133 PC	7-11	
	44 CODEX	8-13 (Geneva)	WFP	14-18	
	WFP	15-19			
	168 CL	29/11-3/12			
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	13-17	170 CL	5-9	
DECEMBER			IFAD/EB	12-16	

		Easter: Orthodox Easter: Ramadan: Eid Al-Fitr: Eid Al-Adha:	4 April 20 2 May 202 13 April – 13 May 20 20 July 20	21 - 12 May 2021 021	Easter: Orthodox Easter: Ramadan: Eid Al-Fitr: Eid Al-Adha:	17 April 2022 24 April 2022 2 April – 1 May 2022 2 May 2022 10 July 2022
APRC	Regional Conf	erence for Asia and the I	Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry	
ARC	Regional Conf	erence for Africa		ERC	Regional Conference for Europ	pe
С	Conference			FC	Finance Committee	
CCLM	Committee on	Constitutional and Legal	l 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 o	n Genetic Resources for	Food	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin	America and the Caribbean
	and Agricultur	e		NERC	Regional Conference for the N	lear East
CL	Council			PC	Programme Committee	
COAG	Committee on	Agriculture		WFD	World Food Day	

Codex Alimentarius Commission WFP World Food Programme Executive Board

COFI Committee on Fisheries

CODEX

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (July 2021 - July 2023)

Members

Argentina (Mr Carlos Bernardo Cherniak) Brazil (Mr Fernando José Marroni de Abreu) Canada (Mr Maarten de Groot) China (Mr Ni Hongxing) France (Ms Delphine Babin-Pelliard) India (Mr Bommakanti Rajender)

Iraq (Mr Zaid Al-Ani) Mali (Ms Traoré Halimatou Koné) New Zealand (Mr Donald Syme) Norway (Mr Morten Aasland) Sudan (Ms Saadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak) Zambia (Mr Kayoya Masuhwa)

FINANCE COMMITTEE (July 2021 - July 2023)

Members

Chairperson

(Uruguay)

Australia (Ms Lynda Hayden) Egypt (Mr Haitham Abdelhady) Ethiopia (Mr Kaba Urgessa Dinssa) Japan (Mr Kuraya Yoshihiro) Mexico (Mr Miguel García Winder) Niger (Ms Rahila Rabiou Tahirou)

Panama (Mr Tomás Duncan Jurado) Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov) Saudi Arabia (Mr Mohammed M. Alghamdi) Sweden (Ms Pernilla Ivarsson) Thailand (Mr Thanawat Tiensin) United States of America (Ms Jennifer Harhigh)

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (July 2021 - July 2023)

Members

Chairperson

Ms Alison Storsve (United States of America) Afghanistan (Mr Khaled Ahmad Zekriya) Algeria (Ms Lamia Ben Redouane) Canada (Ms Julie Emond) Fiji (Ms Esala Nayasi)

Nicaragua (Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone) Philippines (Ms Nina P. Cainglet) Slovakia (Ms Zora Weberova)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2021

Elected by FAO Council

- Afghanistan (B)¹ Côte d'Ivoire (A)² India (B)3 Netherlands (D) Peru (C)⁴ United States of America (D)
- Angola (A)5 Canada (D) Dominican Republic (C)⁶ Germany (D) Saudi Arabia (B) Somalia (A)

Brazil (C)⁷ Denmark (D) Guatemala (C)8,9 Hungary (E) Morocco (A) Norway (D)

Elected by ECOSOC

Burkina Faso (A) Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B) Italy (D)10 Republic of Korea (B) Russian Federation (E) Sweden (D)

Australia (D) Burundi (A) Cuba (C) Madagascar (A) Spain (D) Turkmenistan (B)

China (B) Japan (D) Lesotho (A) Mexico (C) Poland (E) United Kingdom (D)

¹Afghanistan replaced Kuwait from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

² Côte d'Ivoire replaced Nigeria from 1 January 2020 until December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

³ India replaced Afghanistan from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁴ Peru replaced Mexico from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁵ Angola and South Africa reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Angola serving in 2020 and 2021 and South Africa serving in 2022.

⁶ Dominican Republic replaced Argentina from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁷ Brazil and Guatemala reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Brazil serving in 2021 and 2022 and Guatemala serving in 2023. ⁸ Rotating seat occupied by a country of List C (2021-2023) held by Guatemala.

⁹ Guatemala and Argentina reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Guatemala serving in 2021 and Argentina serving in 2022 and 2023.

¹⁰ Italy replaced Austria from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021 after Austria resigned its seat.

Term of office expiring

31 December 2021

31 December 2022

31 December 2023

Ms Imelda Smolcic

(Israel)

Chairperson

Ms Yael Rubinstein

Afahanistan Albania Algeria Andorra Angola Antiqua and Barbuda Argentina Armenia Australia Austria Azerbaijan Bahamas Bahrain Bangladesh Barbados Belarus Belqium Belize Benin Bhutan Bolivia (Plurinational State of) Bosnia and Herzegovina Botswana Brazil Brunei Darussalam Bulgaria Burkina Faso Burundi Cabo Verde Cambodia Cameroon Canada Central African Republic Chad Chile China Colombia Comoros Congo Cook Islands Costa Rica Côte d'Ivoire Croatia Cuba Cyprus Czechia Democratic People's Republic of Korea Democratic Republic of the Congo Denmark Djibouti. Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador Eqypt El Salvador Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Estonia Eswatini Ethiopia European Union (Member Organization) Faroe Islands (Associate Member) Fiji Finland France Gabon Gambia

Georaia Germany Ghana Greece Grenada Guatemala Guinea Guinea Bissau Guyana Haiti Honduras Hundarv Iceland India Indonesia Iran (Islamic Republic of) Iraq Ireland Israel Italy Jamaica Japan Jordan Kazakhstan Kenya Kiribati Kuwait Kyrqyzstan Lao People's Democratic Republic Latvia Lebanon Lesotho Liberia Libya Lithuania Luxembourg Madagascar Malawi Malaysia Maldives Mali Malta Marshall Islands Mauritania Mauritius Mexico Micronesia (Federated States of) Monaco Mongolia Montenegro Morocco Mozambique Myanmar Namibia Nauru Nepal Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua Niger Nigeria Niue North Macedonia Norway Oman Pakistan Palau

Panama

Papua New Guinea Paraquav Peru Philippines Poland Portugal Qatar Republic of Korea Republic of Moldova Romania Russian Federation Rwanda Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Samoa San Marino Sao Tome and Principe Saudi Arabia Senedal Serbia Seychelles Sierra Leone Singapore Slovakia Slovenia Solomon Islands Somalia South Africa South Sudan Spain Sri Lanka Sudan Suriname Sweden Switzerland Syrian Arab Republic Taiikistan Thailand Timor-Leste Togo Tokelau (Associate Member) Tonga Trinidad and Tobado Tunisia Turkey Turkmenistan Tuvalu Uqanda Ukraine United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United Republic of Tanzania United States of America Uruquay Uzbekistan Vanuatu Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) Viet Nam Yemen Zambia 7 imbabwe

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