Executive Summary

1. In line with established practice, the below agenda items are informed by reports of Council Committees, as well as by dedicated documents. In order to avoid repetition of statements during the session, the Council is invited to consider any guidance provided by other Governing Bodies on the following topics under the agenda items indicated:
   - Item 3 - Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23
   - Item 4 - FAO's Response to COVID-19: Building to Transform
   - Item 5 - The Hand-in-Hand Initiative
   - Item 12 - Progress Report on Rome-based Agencies Collaboration
   - Item 13 - Code of Conduct for Voting
   - Item 15 - Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies
   Details of the relevant reports are indicated in italics after the main documents.

2. In order to ensure optimal time management of the Session in virtual mode, the following agenda items will be addressed through the written correspondence procedure, details of which may be found in Section II of document CL 168/INF/5, Methods of Work for the 168th Session of the Council:
   - Item 4 - FAO's Response to COVID-19: Building to Transform
     - 4.1 - Food Coalition
   - Item 5 - The Hand-in-Hand Initiative
   - Item 12 - Progress Report on Rome-based Agencies Collaboration
   - Item 14 – Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 166th Session of the Council (26 April-1 May 2021)
   - Item 16 - Report of the 18th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) (27 September-1 October 2021)
   - Item 17.2 - Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2020
   - Item 18 – Progress Report on Multilingualism
   - Item 19 - Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
   - Item 20 - Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-23
• Item 21 - Tentative Agenda for the 169th Session of the Council

3. In light of the hybrid modality of the 168th Session of the Council, time management is necessary to achieve an efficient and timely conclusion of all Agenda items of the Session within the time allotted for the meeting. As such, interventions by Members will be limited to a maximum of three minutes and multi-Member statements will be limited to a maximum of five minutes.

4. Meetings of the Council shall be held from 09:30-12:00 in the morning, from 14:00-16:30 in the afternoon, and from 17:00-19:30 in the evening.

5. The time zone applicable to the Council’s 168th Session Timetable will be Central European Time (UTC +1). This is the time zone of the headquarters of the Organization and the location of the meeting as if it were held as a physical meeting.
Monday 29 November
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 1  Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (CL 168/1; CL 168/INF/1; CL 168/INF/3; CL 168/INF/5)

Item 2  Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

Item 3  Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 (CL 168/3; CL 168/3 Annexes 1-10)

  CL 168/7 - Report of the Joint Meeting of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee and 188th Session of the Finance Committee (paragraph 9)

  CL 168/8 - Report of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee (paragraph 6)

  CL 168/9 - Report of the 188th Session of the Finance Committee (paragraphs 13-14)

Afternoon (14.00-16.30 hours)

Item 3 (cont’d)  Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 (CL 168/3; CL 168/3 Annexes 1-10)

  CL 168/7 - Report of the Joint Meeting of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee and 188th Session of the Finance Committee (paragraph 9)

  CL 168/8 - Report of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee (paragraph 6)

  CL 168/9 - Report of the 188th Session of the Finance Committee (paragraphs 13-14)

Item 7  Report of the Joint Meeting of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee and 188th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 8, 9 and 12 November 2021) (CL 168/7; CL 168/INF/6)

Evening (17.00-19.30 hours)

Item 8  Reports of the 131st (Special) (Rome, 29 July 2021) and 132nd (Rome, 8-12 November 2021) Sessions of the Programme Committee (CL 168/8; CL 168/19)

  8.1  Update on the development of the new FAO Strategy on Climate Change (CL 168/21)

  8.2  The outline and roadmap of the “FAO Science and Innovation Strategy” (CL 168/22)

Tuesday 30 November
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 9  Reports of the 186th (7-9 June 2021), 187th (Rome, 28-29 October 2021) and 188th (Rome, 8-12 November 2021) Sessions of the Finance Committee (CL 168/9; CL 168/16; CL 168/20)

  9.1  Audited Accounts - FAO 2020 (C 2023/5 A; C 2023/5 B)

  9.2  Status of Current Assessments and Arrears (CL 168/LIM/2)
Afternoon (14.00-16.30 hours)


Evening (17.00-19.30 hours)

Item 11 Reports of the 48th (Special) (4 June 2021) and 49th (11-14 October 2021) Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security (C 2023/19; C 2023/20)

Wednesday 1 December
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 6 Outcomes of the United Nations Food Systems Summit (CL 168/6)

Afternoon (14.00-16.30 hours)

Item 13 Code of Conduct for Voting

CL 168/10 - Report of the 113th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (paragraphs 20-21)

Item 15 Selection and Appointment of Secretaries of Article XIV Bodies (CL 168/17)

CL 168/10 - Report of the 113th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (paragraphs 22-24)

Item 17 World Food Programme:

17.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board (CL 168/15.1; CL 168/LIM/4)

Evening (17.00-19.30 hours)

Item 22 Any Other Matters

Written Correspondence Procedure – draft conclusions only

Item 4 FAO’s Response to COVID-19: Building to Transform (CL 168/4)

CL 168/7 - Report of the Joint Meeting of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee and 188th Session of the Finance Committee (paragraph 11)

4.1 Food Coalition (CL 168/4.1)

Item 5 The Hand-in-Hand Initiative (CL 168/5)

CL 168/8 - Report of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee (paragraph 7)
Thursday 2 December
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 12  Progress Report on Rome-based Agencies Collaboration (CL 168/11)

CL 168/7 - Report of the Joint Meeting of the 132nd Session of the Programme Committee and 188th Session of the Finance Committee (paragraph 12)

Item 14  Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 166th Session of the Council (26 April-1 May 2021) (CL 168/LIM/3)

Afternoon (14.00-16.30)

Item 16  Report of the 18th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA) (27 September-1 October 2021) (CL 168/23)

Item 17  World Food Programme:

17.2  Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2020 (CL 168/15.2)

Item 18  Progress Report on Multilingualism at FAO (CL 168/18)

Item 19  Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO (CL 168/INF/4; CL 168/INF/4 WA1-4)

Item 20  Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-23 (CL 168/LIM/1)

Item 21  Tentative Agenda for the 169th Session of the Council (CL 168/INF/2)

Evening (17.00-19.30)

Meeting of the Drafting Committee

Friday 3 December

Adoption of the Report
(time to be announced)