FINANCE COMMITTEE

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FAO Oversight Advisory Committee Membership

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The membership of the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee consists of five external Members. The Committee’s Terms of Reference provide that Members serve for a three-year period, which may be renewed for a maximum of three further years after the initial term, by a decision of the FAO Council.

- The FAO Oversight Advisory Committee currently comprises two women and three men. At the end of June 2023, two Members of the Committee – Ms Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent and Ms Hilary Wild – will have completed their initial three-year terms.

- Ms Aït-Mohamed Parent is an independent anti-corruption expert, international speaker and investigator and Ms Wild is an independent finance and audit committee expert. Both have vast UN and international experience.

- Taking into account the active and positive contributions of Ms Aït-Mohamed Parent and Ms Wild; the need to balance the Committee in terms of continuity and turnover; and to maintain the Committee’s range of collective professional experience, the Director-General is recommending the extension of appointment of Ms Aït-Mohamed Parent and Ms Wild for a further, final three-year term.

GUIDANCE SOUGHT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee is invited to consider the document and make a recommendation to the Council regarding the extension of appointments of Ms Aït-Mohamed Parent and Ms Wild as Members of the Oversight Advisory Committee for a further, final three years, as recommended by the Director-General.

Draft Advice

The Committee:

- considered the document in which the Director-General proposed that Ms Aït Mohamed Parent and Ms Wild’s terms on the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee be extended for a further, final three years;

- noted such extension would be made by the Council with effect from 1 July 2023;

- supported the Director-General’s proposal regarding Ms Aït Mohamed Parent and Ms Wild and agreed to submit the recommendation to the Council.
**Introduction**

1. The Oversight Advisory Committee serves as an independent expert advisory panel to assist the Director-General and the Finance Committee on the internal control arrangements, risk management processes, financial reporting and internal audit, investigation, ethics and ombudsman functions of the Organization. The Committee advises on these matters taking into consideration the Financial Rules and Regulations, as well as policies and procedures applicable to FAO, and its operating environment.

2. The Oversight Advisory Committee consists of five external Members. Members are selected on the basis of their qualifications and relevant experience at senior level in the areas of: oversight including audit, investigation and ethics, financial management, governance, risks and controls. Due regard is paid in their selection, as feasible, to gender and geographic representation in the Committee.

3. The Committee’s Terms of Reference provide that Members serve for an initial period of three years, which may be renewed for a maximum of three further years after the initial term, by a decision of the FAO Council.

4. The FAO Council at its 164th Session (Rome, 6-10 July 2020) endorsed the appointment of Ms Malika Aït Mohamed Parent and Ms Hilary Wild as Members of the Committee for an initial period of three years. In June 2023, both Members will have completed their initial three-year terms.

**Current Members of the Committee**

5. The current members of the Committee, and their present terms, are as follows:

   - Mr Fayezul Choudhury (Bangladesh/UK/USA), Chairperson of the Committee, former Chief Executive Officer, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), World Bank former Controller and Vice President, Strategic Resource Management and former Vice President, Corporate Finance and Risk Management. His current term, which is not renewable, ends in June 2025;

   - Mr Gianfranco Cariola (Italy), Director Internal Audit, Gruppo ENI S.p.A., former Chief Audit Executive of Telecom Italia S.p.A. and former Group Chief Audit Executive of Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane S.p.A. Member since December 2017. His current term, which is not renewable, ends in December 2023;

   - Ms Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent (Algeria/France/Switzerland), Independent Anti-Corruption Expert, International Speaker and Investigator. Her current term, which is renewable, ends in July 2023;

   - Ms Hilary Wild (Ireland/UK), Independent Finance and Audit Committee Expert. Her current term, which is renewable, ends in July 2023; and

   - Mr Honoré Ndoko (Cameroon), Independent International Management and Oversight Expert. His current term, which is renewable, ends in December 2025.

**Actions on Extension and Appointment**

6. Taking into account the Committee’s current composition and upon advice received from the Secretary of the Oversight Advisory Committee, the Director-General is recommending the extension of appointment of Ms Malika Aït Mohamed Parent and Ms Hilary Wild for a further, final three years.

7. Summary curricula vitae of Ms Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent and Ms Hilary Wild are provided in Annex 1.

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SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE

Ms Malika Aït-Mohamed Parent

With 30 years of experience in the humanitarian sector, Ms Parent has actively contributed – at senior management level – to strategic development, policy creation & implementation, network empowerment and compliance enforcement requiring travel to more than 90 countries on all continents.

Professional experience
Since 2015: Independent Anti-Corruption Expert, International Speaker and Investigator (122+ events across continents)
2010 - 2014 Under Secretary General; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Led the Governance and Management Services Business Group (93 professionals, 60 different nationalities) and provided strategic guidance and provision of critical corporate services to the Headquarters and field offices across continents (2200 staff; 500 million CHF annual budget)
2007 - 2014 Chief of Staff, Director of Cabinet, for three successive Secretary Generals; IFRC
2006 Head of Middle East and North Africa regional department; IFRC
2000 - 2006 Head of Principles and Values Department; IFRC
1995 - 2000 Head of Youth Department; IFRC
1995 Head of the National Tracing Service - French Red Cross
1990 - 1995 National Youth Director - French Red Cross
1987 - 1989 Teacher, Economics - Lycée Albert de Mun, Paris, France

Oversighting
FAO Oversight Advisory Committee, Member (2020-2023; renewable)
UNHCR Independent Audit and Oversight Committee, Vice-Chair (2018-2021; renewable)
ILO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee, Member (2019-2021; renewable)
ICRC-IFRC Joint Statutes Commission, Chair (since 2018)

Auditing

Teaching
Frequent Visiting Faculty, International Anti-Corruption Academy (Austria)
Faculty Member, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center – Geneva (Switzerland)
Academic supervisor (IACA: Masters in Anti-Corruption & Masters in Anti-Corruption Compliance and Collective Action; Geneva University: Masters in European and International Governance)
Lecturer (CERAH, Geneva University, Montreal University, Fordham University-IDHA, Panthéon-Assas Paris II University, Bioforce Institute, Richemond School of Law)
Jury Member (Haute Ecole de Gestion de Genève: Bachelor; AES: Certification 2018, 2019)
Researcher in Anti-Corruption in Aid, Leading CurbingCorruption.Com Aid Sector
Trainer in Pre verbal communication (ArCom, ROLACC, IACA)

Consulting
Advisor-Consultant providing institutional diagnostics and road maps in setting up Accountability and Transparency business frameworks, Enterprise Risk Management processes, for a better governance.
Investigator, as part of multidisciplinary investigation teams for internal/administrative investigations.
Partner, Anticorruptionexperts.org assisting businesses in designing and implementing ethics and anti-bribery & corruption compliance systems, specialized in ISO 37001.

**Education**

2019: Synergologie®, AES Professional credit 2019 (Madrid, May 2019)
2018: ISO 37001, Auditor, Eurocompliance, France
2018: Geopolitics and Global futures, GCSP, Switzerland
2018: Synergologie®, AES Professional credit 2018 (Lausanne, May 2018)
2017: Synergologie®, AES Professional credit 2017 (Paris, March 2017) 2017: Questiology, level 1 and level 2; semantic and linguistic tools
2016: Masters of Arts in Anti-Corruption Studies, the first global interdisciplinary graduate program for professionals focusing on the advanced study of anti-corruption and compliance, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), Austria
2016: Special Award for the most innovative anti-corruption research, IACA, Austria
2016: Synergologie® (Level 1,2,3) Certification, Swiss Institute of Synergology, Switzerland a communication discipline whereby body movements can be decoded, emotions understood, lies detected, and the unspoken revealed
2016: Fraud & Corruption in Procurement, Interviewing Technique, Behavioural Perspective, International Anti-Corruption Academy, Austria
2015: Fraud Prevention certificate, IFRC & Transparency International Norway e-learning
2014: Anti-Corruption in Local Governance, International Anti-Corruption Academy, Austria
2014: The Fight Against Corruption, UNODC e-Certificate,
2000: Masters in Management, McGill University, Canada
1999: International Masters Program in Practicing Management, consortium of Lancaster University, UK; McGill University, Canada; Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, India; Kobe-Tokyo Universities, Japan; INSEAD, France
1989: Masters in Economics, General & Public, Paris I Pantheon Sorbonne, France

**Languages**

French (mother tongue); English (fluent)
SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE

Ms Hilary Wild
Relevant senior executive experience as a former Comptroller of WHO and as a Director of both investment banking and asset management in the private sector. Extensive experience of oversight including audit, investigation, ethics, financial management, governance, risk management and internal controls. Experience as chair and member of oversight committees at WMO, UNDP, ILO and UNESCO as well as with other not-for-profit organizations.

Professional experience

Current
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Member Oversight Advisory Committee July 2020 – current
The International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas, ICARDA, Beirut, Lebanon
Member Board of Trustees, Chair Finance & Audit Committee, member Executive Committee July 2015 – July 2021
Constant Genossenschaft, Zug, Switzerland
Member Audit & Compliance Committee October 2017 – October 2020
Church Commissioners, London, UK
Member Audit & Risk Committee February 2019 – December 2021
CGIAR System Management Board, Montpellier, France
Member Board, and Audit & Risk Committee September 2019 – August 2021
WaterAid UK, London, UK
Trustee and Audit Committee Chair October 2019 – December 2022
Alliance Bioversity-CIAT, Rome, Italy/Cali, Colombia
Member Board of Trustees, and member of Audit, Risk & Finance Committee January 2020 – December 2022

Previous
UNESCO, Paris, France
Chair Oversight Advisory Committee, June 2014 – June 2019
World Health Organization Staff Health Insurance Global Oversight Committee, Geneva, Switzerland
Alternate member September 2017 – August 2019
Bath and North East Somerset Council, UK
Member of the Members’ Remuneration Independent Review Panel, 2015-2017
CGIAR Consortium, Montpellier, France
Independent member Audit and Risk Committee CGIAR Consortium Board, 2015-2016
World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) Nairobi, Kenya
Board Vice Chair and Chair of Audit and Finance Committee, February 2010 – April 2016
International Labour Office, Geneva, Switzerland
Chair Independent Oversight and Advisory Committee, January 2013 – December 2015
United Nations Development Programme Audit Advisory Committee, New York USA
World Health Organization Investment Committee, Geneva, Switzerland
Member July 2007 – December 2011
World Meteorological Organization Audit Committee, Geneva, Switzerland
Member 2004 – March 2012
Prior career history

World Health Organization Geneva, Switzerland
2005-2007 Director, Business Change and Co-Director Global Management System Project, responsible to develop business model and co-direct a USD 60 million global project to replace a myriad of legacy IT systems with a single ERP system in over 120 offices worldwide.
1999-2005 Comptroller, responsible for strategic financial, accounting and operational budget policy issues; appropriate financial control and accounting of the organization’s financial resources; central responsibilities for budget preparation; statutory financial reports, and related reporting to donors; management of banking requirements, investment of funds worldwide (value c. USD 1 billion); financial management of all staff entitlements worldwide including staff health insurance fund (value c. USD 300 million); financial management of insurance arrangements; development, enhancement and support of financial and related IT applications worldwide.
Member Board of United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund; Chair of Advisory Committee on Compensation Claims, Contract Review Committee, Property Survey Committee, Advisory Investment Committee, Audit Steering Committee.

Dresdner RCM Global Investors, London, UK
1997-1999 Director, Charity Asset Management

Kleinwort Benson Group, London, UK
1994-1997 Director, Kleinwort Benson Investment Management Ltd, Charity Asset Management
1993-1994 Director, Kleinwort Benson Ltd, Leasing & Asset Finance
1992-1993 Director, Kleinwort Benson Ltd, Head of Transportation, Leasing & Asset Finance
1990-1991 Assistant Director, Head of Shipping/Eastern Europe Department

United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) New York, USA
1986-1990 Chief of Finance

Larsson Group London, UK
1985-1986 Finance Director and Personal Financial Adviser

Marine Midland Bank, N.A., London, UK and Athens, Greece
1985 Vice President and Unit Head, London
1983-1984 Vice-President and Representative, Greece
1981-1983 Assistant Vice-President and Representative, Greece
1978-1980 Assistant Vice-President/International Banking Officer, London

1977-1978 Executive

Edward Bates & Sons Ltd London, UK
1973-1977 Manager, Shipping Administration Department

Ernst & Whinney London, UK
1971-1973 Audit Senior

Wenn Townsend & Co Oxford, UK
1967-1971 Articled Clerk (trainee Chartered Accountant)

Languages
English, French, Italian, Modern Greek