CONFERENCE

Forty-third Session

Rome, 1-7 July 2023

Appointment of the Director-General
(Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council)

1. In accordance with Rule XXXVII, paragraph (1)(b) of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Council at its 170th Session “set the dates of 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 as the period during which Member Nations could submit nominations for the office of Director-General” (CL 170/REP, paragraph 35). It was also agreed by the Council that nominations received by the established deadline would be circulated one week thereafter by circular letter.

2. By the date set by the Council, the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council had received three nominations. The nominations and curricula vitae of the nominees are appended as follows:

Appendix A  China  QU Dongyu
Appendix B  Iraq  Hamid Khalaf Ahmed
Appendix C  Tajikistan  Dilshod Sharifi
Appendix A

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN ROME

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Note Verbale

The Permanent Representation of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and has the honor to inform the latter that the Government of the People’s Republic of China has nominated Dr. QU Dongyu, the current FAO Director-General, as a candidate for re-election to the post of FAO Director-General.

Please kindly find attached the official nomination letter signed by H.E. WANG Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, and the CV of Dr. QU Dongyu addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council of FAO.

The Permanent Representation of the People’s Republic of China to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.
(Translation)

Beijing, 11 December 2022

Mr. Rakesh Muthoo
Secretary-General of the Conference and Council
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is going to elect its next Director-General at the 43rd Session of its Conference in July 2023. Pursuant to Rule XXXVII paragraph one of the FAO General Rules, I am honored to advise you of the decision made by the government of the People’s Republic of China to nominate Qu Dongyu, the current FAO Director-General, as a candidate for this post.

Food security is critical to human survival. It is an important part of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. China attaches great importance to issues related to rural areas, agriculture and rural population, and prioritizes the development of agriculture and rural areas. It has won the largest battle against poverty in human history, lifting nearly 100 million poor rural residents out of poverty and attaining, 10 years ahead of schedule, the poverty reduction target under the 2030 Agenda. China has reinforced the foundations for food security on all fronts, feeding one-fifth of the world’s population with less than nine percent of the world’s arable land. In the meantime, China has actively shared with fellow developing countries its experience in food, agriculture and poverty reduction, and provided assistance to the best of its capacity. It has demonstrated its sense of responsibility as a major country for enhancing global food security and advancing sound and sustainable development of global agriculture. Over the past one year and more, China has pressed ahead with implementing the Global Development Initiative (GDI) put forth by President Xi Jinping, focusing on poverty reduction and food security as two priorities in GDI cooperation. China has also initiated the Food Production Enhancement Action and officially launched Phase III of the
China-FAO South-South Cooperation Trust Fund totaling US$50 million, in a bid to build a world free from hunger and poverty with concrete actions.

Since he took office in August 2019, Director-General Qu Dongyu has performed his duties with distinction and remarkable results. Committed to invigorating the FAO, he has worked to improve the internal governance of the organization and to further enhance its efficiency and transparency. He has formulated the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-2031, drawing up a blueprint for the organization in the next decade. He has also earnestly led the FAO in implementing the 2030 Agenda, and launched practical projects including the Hand-in-Hand Initiative, the 1,000 Digital Village Initiative, the Global Action on Green Development of Special Agricultural Products: One Country One Priority Product, the Green Cities Initiative, and the Food Coalition. These endeavors have produced positive outcomes in helping developing countries reduce poverty and build capacity for ensuring food security. Director-General Qu is thus highly recognized by the international community for his pragmatism, professionalism and diligence.

Mr. Secretary-General, by nominating Director-General Qu Dongyu as a candidate in the forthcoming election, China wishes to demonstrate its support to the FAO and to the United Nations, its commitment to ensuring global food security and implementing the 2030 Agenda, and its sense of responsibility for improving the global food governance system. The Chinese government is convinced that Director-General Qu will discharge his functions efficiently and lead the FAO in its endeavors on all fronts to make even greater contributions to accelerating progress toward the 2030 Agenda and achieving stronger, greener and healthier global development. For your reference, please find attached the CV of Director-General Qu Dongyu.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)    Wang Yi

Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee
State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs
The People’s Republic of China
CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. QU Dongyu

Dr. QU Dongyu, incumbent Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN), held senior management positions subsequently at a large enterprise, agriculture research institutes and provincial government, and served as the vice minister of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China. QU has performed his duties earnestly in an innovation spirit, steering FAO towards a more dynamic, transparent, and inclusive organization. Significant gains have been made in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of FAO, and in accelerating the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Most notably, with his impressive leadership, QU has actively promoted the quality and efficiency of global food and agriculture governance in the context of COVID-19 pandemic, and has achieved remarkable results.

QU was born in a village in China’s Hunan Province. He is married with a daughter.
Education
Oct 2001 - April 2002  MPA senior course, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
Feb 1996  Ph.D. in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Wageningen University, the Netherlands
July 1986  M.Sc. in Plant Breeding and Genetics, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China
July 1983  B.Sc. in Horticultural Sciences, Hunan Agricultural University, China

Career
Aug 2019 - present  Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
June 2015 - Aug 2019  Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China
May 2011 - May 2015  Vice Governor, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China
May 2008 - May 2011  Assistant Governor, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China
Dec 2001 - May 2008  Vice President, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS)
(May 2005 - May 2006)  Deputy Director General, Human Resource Department, China Three Gorges Project Development Corporation (Secondment)
July 1986 - April 2002  Assistant Director General, Deputy Director General and Director General
Assistant Researcher, Associate Researcher and Researcher, Institute of Vegetables and Flowers, CAAS
(VERY URGENT)

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in Rome extends its warmest greetings to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Further to its Note Verbale No. C/CF-4/2A dated 28/11/2022, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in Rome has the honour to inform the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of the decision of the Iraqi government to nominate Dr Hamid Khalaf Ahmed/ Advisor to the Iraqi Prime Minister and Executive Director of the Higher Committee for Education Development (HCED) in Iraq, for the post of Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The next Director-General of FAO will be elected at the 43rd Session of the FAO Conference in July 2023.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in Rome would highly appreciate your prompt response on FAO’s procedures in this regard. In addition, kindly find enclosed herewith the resume of Dr Hamid Khalaf Ahmed in both English and Arabic.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations in Rome seizes this opportunity to express its deepest respect and appreciation.

Attachments
- Resume in English and Arabic.

[seal and signature]

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Academic qualifications
- Professor in Biotechnologies in 2014
- Master’s degree in Education Management \ University of Liverpool \ April 2006
  The thesis study focuses on field study in the education development in Al-Basrah
  University using modern technologies. In addition, the research studied the capacity
  building of university staff to improve the educational system after 2003 in Iraq with the aid
  of the experienced British Universities.
- High diploma degree in pedagogy \ the University of Manchester metropolitan \ June 2000
- The study investigated the pedagogy in British educational institutes.
- PhD, in the microbiology and biotechnology \ April 2004 \ Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.
- Assistant Professor in 1991, Al-Basrah University.
- Lecturer in 1984, Al-Basrah University.
- Masters in Physiology \ Al-Basrah University \ June 1978.
- B.S. in Biological sciences \ Al-Basrah University \ June 1976.

Industrial and professional qualifications in the UK
- Industrial safety management diploma \ Industrial safety institute \ April 2001.
- D33 + D32 for effective laboratory training \ Advanced industrial training institute \ 1998.
- D34 for the assessment of the pharmaceutical’s companies’ efficiency in Britain \ 1997.
- Certificate for the assessment and development of the fourth-generation administrative
  system in the chemical and pharmaceutical companies \ Advanced industrial training
  institute \ 1996.

Positions
- PM Advisor and Executive Director for Higher Committee on Education Development in Iraq \ 2020-....
- Deputy Minister of the ministry of higher education and scientific research \ 2019-2020.
- Deputy Chairman for PM Advisory Commission and PM advisor for Education and HR \ 2015-2018.
- Secretary General for the Council of Ministers \ 2014-2015.
- Chief of staff of the PM \ 2010-2014
• Deputy Chairman for PM Advisory Commission and Prime Minister Advisor for Education and higher education 2009-2010.
• Scientific-counselor and academic advisor in Hilton and Riverside College 1996-2008.
• Post doctoral Heriot-Watt University 1994-1996.
• Post-graduate student Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh 1990-1994.
• Faculty member at Al-Basrah University 1979-1990.

Committees, experience, and skills 1990-2019
During my service as Secretary General for the Council of Ministers, the chief of staff in the PMO, and the Deputy Chairman for PM Advisory Commission I supervised many central national committees in different ministries about education, higher education, and cultural sectors. Moreover, I worked on social and humanitarian issues including women empowerment, human rights, and national reconciliation. The committees include:
• Executive director for the PM Initiative for educational development, where the initiative plan to send 10000 students on scholarship programs planned to respond to the strategic needs of the country.
• Chairman of the Public sector modernization working with UNDP and USAID to modernize the public sectors in Iraq.
• Chairman of the higher national committee to supervise the national projects and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TEVT) committees.
• Member of the higher committee for the global collaboration.
• Chair the committee on good governance as part of UNDAF.
• Chair of the steering committee on Federalism and Fiscal federalism as part of Canadian grant to Iraq.
• Member of the higher Steering committee of the national development plan in Iraq (2018-2022).
• Worked with UNICEF, UNESCO, and the World Bank, along with relevant ministries to accomplish the national strategy for Education and Higher Education in Iraq (2012-2022), and currently supervises the follow up of implementation of this strategy.
• Chair of the committee of the national strategy for the early childhood education.
• I have worked with International organizations and honor countries and travelled to most developed countries where I gained a huge experience in International relations as well as diplomacy and projects management related to humanitarian, social, cultural, and educational fields.
• I have worked closely with MOHEASR and MOEB on a number of educational programs aimed at educational reforms through different levels in education sector.
• I have participated in the postgraduate program in Baghdad University (MS and Ph.D.) as supervisor and lecturer.
• I have received honorary positions as visiting professor in many Arab universities,
• Founded and editorial committee member of the online journal of Marina Mésopotamia.
• The advisory Editor for International Iraqi Journals of Aquaculture and the International Marsh Journal.
• Managed joint projects with pharmaceutical companies in NorthWest of England for the training on the most recent technologies in the genetic engineering. In this context, more than 80 training courses were achieved for the finest pharmaceutical companies in the world.
• Managed educational programs with the universities of Liverpool, Salford, Manchester, and Chester in the biological sciences.
- Participated in cultural, social, and heritage activities on international level to defend the human rights in Iraq especially the problems related to the environmental and humanitarian crises in Iraqi marshes. (Tens of lectures were delivered in different international meetings such as United Nations, Amnesty international, and the international universities around the world).

- I have published more than 50 papers in international journals and conferences and gave more than 100 key note speeches and presentations nationally and internationally in various subjects.

- I am also the advisory Editor for International Iraqi Journals of Aquaculture and the International Marsh Journal.

- Six books were published, and one has been translated into three languages.

- Member of more than 10 professional societies. My latest book on Higher Education reform: "Teaching and Learning and the Management of Change" has been published by UNESCO in 2012.
Written Books


Published researches


The Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Italian Republic (with residence in Paris) presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Secretary General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization and with reference to the Verbal note No.C/CF-4/2(a) dated from 28.11.2022 has the honor to inform that the Republic of Tajikistan has decided to nominate Mr. Dilshod Sharifi – Head of the International Economic Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade for the Office of the Director General of the FAO.

The Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan to the Italian Republic (with residence in Paris) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Secretary General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Paris, December 27, 2022

Secretariat of the Secretary General of the Conference and Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization
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EDUCATION
- Bachelor of Arts in International Relationships- Department of History and Diplomacy: Tajik National State University: 2003 -2007
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies-International Relationships Concentration: Graduated in May 2010, Francis Marion University, Florence, South Carolina, Cumulative GPA- 3.0, Major GPA- 3.3
- Studied Master of Business Administration (MBA): Francis Marion University 2011-2012
- Graduated with a Master's degree in World Economics: May 2015, Tajik National University
- PhD in World Economics: Tajik National University, graduated March 2021
- Master’s degree (with honors) in Public governance of Economic development: Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of Russian Federation
- CAS (Certificated advanced studies) in Public governance at SSPG (Swiss school of public governance)/ETH Zurich (World’s 7th best University)

WORK EXPERIENCE
- Director of children’s and youth sports and educational program at Silver Spring Country Club, Ridgefield, CT, USA (responsible for the yearly financial reports)
- Leading Specialist of the WTO Affairs Department of the Ministry
- Chief Specialist of the WTO Affairs Department of the Ministry
- Head of the WTO Affairs Department of the Ministry
- National consultant on WTO matters, International Trade Center’s (ITC) project in Tajikistan
- Responsible secretary of the Tajik National Trade Facilitation Committee
- Assistance professor at Tajik National University – Lecture on “World economics and International economic organizations”
- Head of the International Economic cooperation division (overseeing CIS countries and regional economic organizations), Ministry of Economic development and Trade
- Head of the International Economic cooperation department (overseeing international economic relations with all countries and international economic organizations), Ministry of economic development and trade
- Responsible secretary of 24 intergovernmental commissions
LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS

- Excellent communication skills
- Multilingual (English, Russian, French, Tajik and Persian)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Participated at the 15 days work seminar of Young Leaders of Asia- Astana,
- Participated in many WTO seminars in Dushanbe, Vienna and Geneva.
- Successfully passed 14 WTO e-learning courses
- Successfully completed the Advanced course for Chairmen of National Trade Facilitation Committees, Geneva, Switzerland

ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS

ACADEMIC

- Named to the Francis Marion University President’s List, Fall 2008.
- Named to the Francis Marion University Athletic Honor Roll 2008-2010

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Participated in the Habitat for Humanity program in Houston, Texas, 2008.