## Executive Summary

Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) sets out the provisions for the nomination and election of Member Nations to the FAO Council (see Appendix C). The term of office for Council Membership is three years.

The Council has 49 seats, of which 16 fall vacant in each of the two successive calendar years and 17 in the third calendar year.

The seats to be filled at the 43rd Session of the Conference comprise 16 which fall vacant at the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference and 16 which fall vacant on 30 June 2024.

The deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference is 9.00 hours on Monday 3 July 2023.

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1. The Conference at its 43rd Session will be called to fill the vacancies due to the expiration of terms of office of Council Members. Nominations are sought for 16 seats falling vacant at the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference; for 16 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2024; for 1 seat falling vacant from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until 30 June 2024; and for 1 seat falling vacant from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference. The present composition of the Council is given below.

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<th>16 seats falling vacant at the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)</th>
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2. Under the terms of Rule XXII.10 of the GRO, each nomination for election to a seat on the Council must be made in writing and supported by the delegates of two Member Nations other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated, and the nomination must be for a specific region. The distribution of FAO Member Nations by region for Council election purposes at the time of writing is given in Appendix A.

3. Rule XXII.10(a) specifies that, as soon as possible after the opening of its session and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference shall, on the recommendation of its General Committee, “decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted”. Accordingly, the 171st Session of the Council (December 2022) recommended that 9.00 hours on Monday 3 July 2023 be set as the deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, and that Thursday 6 July 2023 be set as the date for the election, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

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1 France replaced Germany from the end of the 42nd Conference to the end of the 43rd Conference (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 6).
2 Guatemala replaced Cuba from the end of the 42nd Conference to the end of the 43rd Conference as Cuba was deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.
3 Luxembourg replaced Monaco from the end of the 42nd Conference until the end of the 43rd Conference (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 6).
4 Malaysia replaced Thailand from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2023 (see C 2019/REP para. 32).
5 The Russian Federation replaced the United Kingdom from the end of the 42nd Conference until the end of the 43rd Conference (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 6).
6 Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.
7 The United Kingdom replaced Spain from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2024 (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 7).
8 Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.
4. The procedure to be followed in submitting these nominations is outlined in Rule XXII.10(b) and (c). Rule XXII.10(d) further specifies that the General Committee shall communicate the valid nominations received to the Conference at least three working days before the date selected for the election. A nomination form is given in Appendix B.

5. In line with Rule XXII.5 of the GRO, any Member Nation shall be eligible for election to the Council if it is not in arrears of payment of its financial contributions to the Organization in an amount equal to or exceeding the contributions due from it for the two preceding calendar years.

6. Details of the distribution of seats to be filled by region are given below, along with the Member Nations which are currently occupying those seats:

   a) **16 seats** from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until 30 June 2026:

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Country currently occupying seat (until the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference)</th>
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<td>Cameroon, Eritrea, South Africa, Tunisia</td>
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<td>France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Russian Federation</td>
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<td>Latin America and the Caribbean (1)</td>
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<td>Near East (3)</td>
<td>Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia</td>
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   b) **16 seats** for the period 1 July 2024 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027):

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<td>Europe (3)</td>
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c) Since Equatorial Guinea is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the Africa region for the period end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to 30 June 2024 (the remainder of the term of office), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO.

d) Since Iraq is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the Near East region for the period from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (June 2025) (the remainder of the term of office), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO.
Appendix A

FAO MEMBER NATIONS BY REGION FOR COUNCIL ELECTION PURPOSES

I. AFRICA

(Member Nations: 49 – Council seats: 12)

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cabo Verde
Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea

Eswatini
Ethiopia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Libéria
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique

Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
Senegal
Sao Tome and Principe
Sierra Leone
South Africa
South Sudan
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Zambia
Zimbabwe

II. ASIA

(Member Nations: 25 – Council seats: 9)

Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
China
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
India
Indonesia

Japan
Kazakhstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia
Maldives
Mongolia
Myanmar
Nepal

Pakistan
Philippines
Republic of Korea
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Uzbekistan
Viet Nam
III. EUROPE

(Member Nations: 48 – Council seats: 10)

Albania  Georgia  Norway
Andorra  Germany  Poland
Armenia  Greece  Portugal
Austria  Hungary  Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan  Iceland  Romania
Belarus  Ireland  Russian Federation
Belgium  Israel  San Marino
Bosnia and Herzegovina  Italy  Serbia
Bulgaria  Latvia  Slovakia
Croatia  Lithuania  Slovenia
Cyprus  Luxembourg  Spain
Czechia  Malta  Sweden
Denmark  Monaco  Switzerland
Estonia  Montenegro  Türkiye
Finland  Netherlands (Kingdom of the)  Ukraine
France  North Macedonia  United Kingdom

Member Organization: European Union

Associate Member: Faroe Islands

IV. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

(Member Nations: 33 – Council seats: 9)

Antigua and Barbuda  Dominican Republic  Paraguay
Argentina  Ecuador  Peru
Bahamas  El Salvador  Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados  Grenada  Saint Lucia
Belize  Guatemala  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)  Guyana  Suriname
Brazil  Haiti  Trinidad And Tobago
Chile  Honduras  Uruguay
Colombia  Jamaica  Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Costa Rica  Mexico
Cuba  Nicaragua
Dominica  Panama
V. NEAR EAST

(Member Nations: 21 – Council seats: 6)

Afghanistan  Kuwait  Somalia
Bahrain  Kyrgyzstan  Sudan
Djibouti  Lebanon  Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt  Libya  Tajikistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  Oman  Turkmenistan
Iraq  Qatar  United Arab Emirates
Jordan  Saudi Arabia  Yemen

VI. NORTH AMERICA

(Member Nations: 2 – Council seats: 2)

Canada
United States of America

VII. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

(Member Nations: 16 – Council seats: 1)

Australia
Cook Islands
Fiji
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

Associate Member: Tokelau
NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS
(To be submitted by 9.00 hours on Monday, 3 July 2023)

Date: ...........................................

To: Secretary-General of the Conference and Council
    Room A140
    Via delle Terme di Caracalla
    00153 Rome
    CSG-Director@fao.org

The Delegate of .............................................and the Delegate of ..........................................

(Signature)......................................................(Signature) ......................................................

wish to nominate ...................................................................................................................

for election to a seat on the Council for the Region of ..........................................................

for the following term of office:

a) From the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to 30 June 2026 [16 seats]*

b) From 1 July 2024 to the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027) [16 seats]*

c) From the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the 30 June 2024 [1 seat]*

d) From the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) [1 seat]*

The Delegate of ...................................................... accepts this nomination.

* Delete if not applicable. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw (Rule XXII.10(g) GRO refers).
RULE XXII.10 OF THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION

10. [...] 
(a) As soon as possible after the opening of the Conference session, and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference, on the recommendation of its General Committee, shall decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted, in accordance with subparagraph (c) below.

(b) Each nomination shall be made for a specific region as determined by the Conference, indicating the term of office to which it applies, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g) of this paragraph. No nomination shall be made for a term that includes a period for which the Member Nation concerned is already in office.

(c) Each nomination shall be supported, in writing, by the delegates of two Member Nations to the Conference other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated and shall be accompanied by a formal written acceptance of the nomination by the delegate of the Member Nation nominated. Any nomination reaching the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council after the date and time determined by the Conference for the submission of nominations shall not be valid.

[...]

(g) The election of Council Members shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 9(b) and 12 of Rule XII, one election being held to fill simultaneously all the vacancies occurring in each region in each of the calendar years referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. Should the number of Member Nations standing for election in a particular region be equal to the total number of vacancies occurring in both calendar years, one election may be held to fill simultaneously all these vacancies, and the allocation of candidates to the vacancies occurring in each year may be settled, where necessary, by mutual agreement or by the Conference by such methods as it may decide to adopt. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.