



COUNCIL

Hundred and Seventy-third Session

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Election of Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee

1. Under Rule XXVII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Finance Committee consists of a Chairperson and 12 Members (two Members from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and Near East, and one Member from North America and from Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee should communicate the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience, to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council (Rule XXVII.2 of the GRO).
2. The procedure for the election of Members of the Committee provides for Member Nations of the Organization to stand for election for a specific region as determined by the Conference for the purpose of Council elections, and that the Council first elect a Chairperson from among the nominated representatives of Member Nations. The Chairperson shall be elected on the basis of individual qualifications and shall not represent a region or a country.
3. The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the candidates for (i) the office of Chairperson is given in *Appendix A* and for (ii) Membership of the Committee is given in *Appendix B*.

4. The following nominations have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Finance Committee:

Mr Mina Rizk (Egypt)

5. The following nominations have been received for election to the Finance Committee:

AFRICA	CONGO MOROCCO	(Mr Bienvenu Ntsouanva) (Mr Abdellah Larhmaid)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	CHINA INDIA PAKISTAN	(Mr LI Bo) (Mr Jujjavarapu Balaji) (Mr Khalid Mehboob)
EUROPE	RUSSIAN FEDERATION SWEDEN UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND	(Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov) (Ms Pernilla Ivarsson) (Mr Christopher Mace)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEXICO	(Ms Berioska Morrison Gonzalez) (Mr Miguel Jorge García Winder)
NEAR EAST		
NORTH AMERICA	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	(Mr Rodney M. Hunter)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	AUSTRALIA	(Ms Emma Hatcher)

6. The elections are governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10 of this Rule, the Chairperson may submit to the Council that appointment be decided by clear general consent without recourse to a secret ballot when there are not more candidates than seats to be filled.

APPENDIX A

EGYPT

Name:**Mr MINA RIZK**Present functions/activities:

September 2021 - Present	Alternate Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Rome-Based Agencies (RBAs)
	Mina has represented Egypt in several meetings and sessions of the FAO's Council, Near East Regional Group, Africa Regional Group, G77 and China Group, and other meetings and consultations.
September 2021 - Present	Member, Finance Committee, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
September 2022 - Present	Representative, Executive Board, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
February 2023 - Present	Representative, Consultations on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD13)
October 2021 - October 2023	Representative, Bureau of the Committee on Food Security (CFS)

Main previous functions/activities:

Mina had served at the Disarmament and International Security Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Cairo. He has also served at the Political Section of the Egyptian Embassy to the People's Republic of China for four years. He later served at the United-Nations and Multilateral Affairs Department at the Ministry in Cairo.

Mina has earned his M.A degree in International Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution from the University of Notre Dame, in the State of Indiana at the United States. He had previously graduated from the American University in Cairo (AUC) with a B.A in Political Science. He has also successfully attended a one-year training program at the Egyptian Institute for Diplomatic Studies.

Mina has participated in several academic and professional conferences and workshops addressing international issues and crises.

APPENDIX B**AUSTRALIA**

Name: **Ms EMMA HATCHER**

Present functions/activities:

2023 ongoing Present Position: Deputy Permanent Representative
to the FAO - Australian Embassy, Rome, Italy

Main previous functions/activities:

2012-2022 Main previous positions:
2019-2022
Counsellor (Agriculture)
Australian Embassy, Seoul, Republic of Korea

2015-2019
Director (International Forest Policy)
Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

2013-15
Director (Legal and International)
Anti-Dumping Commission of Australia

2012-2013
Legal Officer – United Nations Commission on International Trade
Law (UNCITRAL)
UN Secretariat, Vienna, Austria

Prior
Various positions in Australian Government agencies, including:
Australian Customs Service
Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency
Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
Department of Finance

CHINA

Name: **Mr LI BO**

Present functions/activities:

June 2022 to now Deputy Representative, Counsellor of China to the UN Food and Agriculture Agencies
- Representing China in all FAO and WFP Governing Body Meetings, including FAO Council, G77+China meeting, Asia Regional Group meeting, WFP Annual Meeting, Executive Board Meeting, and other meetings and consultations.

Main previous functions/activities:

June 2022 - July 2023 FAO Programme Committee Member

2017 - 2022 Deputy Director-general, Department of Science and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- Managed a budget of over \$1 billion for agriculture science and education, extension programs, with a focus on environmental protection, climate change, biodiversity, and environment surveillance areas.

2008 - 2022 Director of International Program Chinese Office, the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Oversaw budgeting, planning, and implementation of over \$50 million programs on biodiversity and climate change.

1992 - 2022 Alternate Representative of China to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity, and other conventions
- Actively engaged in the negotiation of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat.

2015 - 2017 Division Director of General Office, Department of Science and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- Managed human resources, program planning, and general coordination of the department.

2010 - 2015 Division Director of Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Science and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

2008 - 2010 Division Director of International Cooperation, Department of Science and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

2003 - 2008 First Secretary, Chinese Embassy to Australia
- Responsible for agricultural bilateral cooperation between China and Australia.

CONGO

Name: **Mr BIENVENU NTSOUANVA**

Current roles or activities:

30 September 2020 Embassy Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD
- Present and WFP

Main previous roles or activities:

2007-2020

- 9 February 2018 - 30 September 2020: Director General of Agriculture – Responsibilities: Administrative and operational management of more than 1800 agents of the Central Directorates, Technical Support Centres for Production and 12 Departmental Directorates; Establishment and monitoring of the implementation of policies, laws, regulations, programmes and projects; Operational and budgetary planning; Negotiation of funding agreements and partnerships.
- July 2014 - July 2018: Coordinator of the national programme for sustainable intensification of cassava production – Responsibilities: Planning and monitoring of technical activities.
- June 2014 - April 2017: Coordinator of project TCP/PRC/3502 "Support for the promotion of the cassava sector through the Farmer Field School (FFS) approach", FAO project and Master Trainer FFS – Responsibilities: Planning, coordination and monitoring/evaluation of technical activities and training of project supervisors and beneficiaries.
- October 2013 - September 2019: FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources (ITPGRFA) National Focal Point – Responsibilities: Negotiation of rules and codes of conduct and implementation of the Treaty at the national level.
- August 2011 - June 2018: Director of the National Centre for the Control of Crop Diseases (NCCCD) – Responsibilities: Administrative and financial management of the Centre; Planning and execution of technical cassava sanitation tasks through micro-propagation and opening of woodlots; Creation of the pest database.
- January 2011 - June 2013: Coordinator of project TCP/PCR/3302 "Support to the establishment of a cassava sector development strategy in Congo", FAO project – Responsibilities: Planning and monitoring of the implementation of operational activities; Coordination of the drafting of the assessment and the cassava sector development strategy in the Republic of Congo.
- March - June 2013: National consultant in support of the establishment of a cassava sector development strategy, FAO project – Responsibilities: Contribution to the drafting of the agronomy, agro-economics and sociology sections of the assessment and development strategy of the cassava sector in the Republic of Congo.
- 2007-2011: Senior Technician and Department Head of the Biotechnology Laboratory of the Cassava Project – Responsibilities: in vitro manipulation.

INDIAName:**Mr JUJJAVARAPU BALAJI**

Present functions/activities:

June 2019 till date

Steered the formulation of various fisheries policies, schemes and programmes for development of fisheries and aquaculture sector in the country and wellbeing of the fishers and fish-farmers National level as Joint Secretary in the Fisheries Division/Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India and since June 2019 in the Department of Fisheries under the newly created Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India.

Chair/ Co-Chair of several Committees including the Committee on National Fisheries Policy, High Sea Fishing Guidelines, Mariculture, Brackish water Aquaculture, Disease Management, etc. These include

- Chaired the Technical Committee for Drafting of the Indian Marine Fisheries Bill, 2021 following due consultation process,
- Played key role in formulation/drafting of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA) Amendment Bill, 2023 after stakeholder consultations and firming up the policy stand of the government in various reforms in the sector of coastal aquaculture in the country.
- Co-Chaired the Expert Committee and steered the formulation of a comprehensive 'Draft National Fisheries Policy, 2021.

Participated in various high level meetings of Inter-State Councils, Parliamentary Committees, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), etc. and facilitated in taking important policy decisions related to fisheries sector in the country.

Contributed in various policy decisions being the member of the important national level Governing Bodies of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), the Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA), the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), the National Maritime Search & Rescue Board (NMSARB), Central Apex Committee (CAC) of PMMSY, etc.

Been part of and contributed in taking important policy decisions in creation of a separate Department of Fisheries and new Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying in the Government of India in 2019.

Promotion of Exports of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Roll out of modern infrastructure especially Fishing Harbours, initiatives towards Ease of Doing Business, Fisheries Trade etc.

Implemented the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Blue Revolution: Integrated Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Formulated the Rs 6000 crore Sub-scheme under PMMSY that has been announced in Union Budget 2023 for fishermen, fish vendors, micro and small enterprises aimed at formalization of the sector, improving value chain efficiencies and expansion of markets.

Instrumental in drafting and implementing the USD 3 billion dollar fisheries program of India i.e. “Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana”, USD 1 billion Fund i.e. Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund for Government of India.

Formulated the USD 700 million World Bank (WB) and AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT (AFD) assistance project of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Hails from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) of the 2001 batch, borne on Assam-Meghalaya Cadre with 22 years’ experience of working in diverse government Ministries/Departments both at Centre and State level in the fields of Finance, Commerce and Industry, Railways, Road Transport, Biotechnology, Health and Family Welfare, Education, Food Safety and Land Administration, and has been associated with drafting public policies, legislations and their implementation.

Worked as the Head of the District Administration i.e. Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate of four Districts in the State of Assam, India i.e. Nagaon, Hailakandi, Kamrup and Kamrup Metropolitan (Guwahati).

Main previous functions/activities:

Experience in International Negotiations and Cooperation :

Since November 2018 has been one of the Lead Negotiators of India in the Multilateral WTO Fisheries Subsidies Negotiations and was part of the Ministerial Delegation during the WTO-Ministerial Conference(MC)-12 that adopted the Fisheries Subsidies Agreement on 17/6/2022 after several years of intense Negotiations.

Represented Government of India on several plurilateral fisheries organizations such as Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), Inter Governmental Organizations/Bodies like Bay of Bengal (BoB) Programme, Asia Pacific Fisheries Commission (APFIC), etc.

Led Indian delegations in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission on the matters relating to regional fisheries management and negotiations on conservations and management measures and quota allocations of tunas (highly traded migratory shared fish stocks) in the Indian Ocean region.

Participated as Head of Delegation from India in the meetings of the FAO-Committee on Fisheries (COFI) and FAO COFI-Sub-Committee on Aquaculture

Led the process of India's joining in a new Regional Fisheries Management Organization, namely, the South Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) in order to develop capacity and expand the footprint of India's fishing fleet in the new areas.

In addition, steered or been part of several bilateral discussions/negotiations on fisheries trade and export related matters with countries like USA, EU, China, Singapore and Australia, as well as handled Joint Working Groups (JWGs) such as India-Norway JWG, India-Sri Lanka JWG, India-Iceland JWG, etc.

MEXICO

Name: **Mr MIGUEL JORGE GARCÍA WINDER**

Present functions/activities:

2023-Present Mexico's Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP. My main duties are to represent Mexico at these bodies and to help them to achieve their goals with efficiency, transparency and equity.

Main previous functions/activities:

2018-2020 Undersecretary of Agriculture in Mexico. Part of my responsibilities included: planning, reviewing and executing federal budgets; conduct national projects and programs; to serve as Acting Secretary in absence of the Secretary, and to represent Mexico at different national and international fora.

2014-2018 Representative of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA) to the USA. My responsibilities included budget preparation, evaluation, project development and negotiation, and strategic partnerships. Additionally, I led the Center for Strategic Analysis in Agriculture.

2002-2014 Served as Director of Agribusiness and leader of the agribusiness team at IICA, as well as to the Trade team from 2002-2006. My primary duties included to provide technical cooperation to help countries in the development of inclusive, sustainable and competitive agribusiness.

MOROCCO

Name: **Mr ABDELLAH LARHMAID**

Present functions/activities:

Chef de division

Main previous functions/activities:

Deputy permanent representative of Morocco to Rome based agencies

PAKISTAN

Name: **Mr KHALID MEHBOOB**

Present functions/activities:

2021 – present Alternate Permanent Representative of Pakistan to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome

Main previous functions/activities:

2022 – 2023 Member of the Steering Committee on WFP Governance
 2017 – 2021 Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council
 2010 – 2017 Alternate Permanent Representative of Pakistan to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Rome

As a member of the Pakistan delegation actively participated in the Governing Body sessions and other meetings of FAO, IFAD and WFP

Member of the Working Group on Governance of IFAD

Chairperson of the FAO Finance Committee (2015 – 2017)

Member of the FAO Finance Committee (2013 - 2015)

Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matter (2011 – 2013)

Chairperson of the Sub-List C-2 of Member Nations of IFAD

2008 – 2009 Senior Consultant, FAO

1991 – 2007 Assistant Director-General, Administration and Finance Department, FAO

Member of the High-level Committee on Management (HLCM) dealing with management issues across the UN System

Member of the Board of Directors of the UN Staff College

Member of the UN Working Group on staff mobility within the UN System

1978 – 1991 Director, Office of Internal Audit, Inspection and Management Control, FAO

1969 – 1977 Various professional positions within the Organization such as Finance Officer (Finance Division), Executive Officer (in a Technical Division) and Internal Auditor (Office of Internal Audit), FAO

1962 – 1968 Audit Senior, Price Waterhouse & Co. (International auditing and consulting firm), Rome

Management accountant, British United Provident Association, London

Auditor, Henry Finck and Co (Auditing and consulting firm), London

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Name: **Mr VLADIMIR KUZNETSOV**

Present functions/activities:

2022-present	Vice-Rector for Financial and Economic Affairs, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
2011 - present	Member of the Finance Committee of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Main previous functions/activities:

2017 - 2022	Deputy Director, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
2017-2022	Member of the Budget Committee, Council of Europe
2018-2020	Member of the Russian delegations to the sessions of the WHO Committee on Programme and Budget, UPU Council of Administration, UNESCO Executive Council
2017-2020	Member of the Advisory Group on Administrative and Budgetary Matters of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
2014-2017	Director, Department of Management, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
2012-2014	Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Main Administration for Services to the Diplomatic Corps
2009-2012	Chief Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Main Administration for Services to the Diplomatic Corps
1996-2009	Head of Division, Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (deals with financial, budgetary, management and personnel issues of international organizations)
2004-2005	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations
1999-2003	Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations
1998-2000	Alternate Member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe, participation in the sessions of the Coordinating Committee on Remuneration
1996-1998	Member of the Russian delegation to the sessions of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Test- Ban Treaty (CTBTO), The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council (PIC)
1992-1996	First Secretary, Counsellor, Senior Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

1995-2000	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
1994	Member of the ad hoc Intergovernmental Group of Experts established pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 48/218
1990-1991	Second Secretary, USSR Permanent Mission to the UN (delegate to the UN GA Fifth Committee)
1984-1989	Attaché, Third, Second Secretary, Division of Administrative and Budgetary Matters and UN Secretariat Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1986-1997	Member of the USSR, Russian Federation delegation to the 42nd - 53rd sessions of the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Issues of the General Assembly); member of the delegation to the 31st - 38th sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination; member of the delegation to the sessions of the Committee on Conferences of the United Nations
1980-1984	UN Secretariat, New York

SWEDEN

Name: **Ms PERNILLA IVARSSON**

Present functions/activities:

Feb 2020-present Minister Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO,
Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of Sweden

Chairperson of the Group of Nordic Countries

Member of FAO Finance Committee

Main previous functions/activities:

2010-2020 Deputy Director-General, Head of Department for the Food Chain,
Animal Health and Welfare, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

2004-2009 Minister Counsellor, Swedish Permanent Representation to the
European Union

2000-2003 Agricultural Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO,
Embassy of Sweden

1995-2000 Director and Head of Department of Environment and Rural
development, Ministry of Agriculture

1993-1995 Programme Officer, EFTA Surveillance Authority

1992-1993 Secretary to the Governmental Commission on the Realignment of the
Food Policy.

1988-1992 Head of Section, Food Safety and Food Legislation, Ministry of
Agriculture

1986-1988 Research Assistant, Swedish University of Agriculture, Department of
Horticulture

1986 Master of Science (MSc) in Agricultural Economics, Swedish
University of Agriculture

Additional education and experience

(Executive MBA) Executive Master of Leadership and Management,
Executive Master of Strategy and Executive Master of Finance (2011-
2016)

Board Member, (Swedish Horseracing Totalisator Board), representing
the government offices. (1999-2003)

Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Name: **Mr CHRISTOPHER MACE**

Present functions/activities:

September 2020 – Present	Deputy Head of Internal Audit for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom.
June 2022 - Present	Head of Internal Audit for FCDO Services, an Arm's Length Body of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom.

Main previous functions/activities:

November 2021- December 2022	UK Representative on the Audit and Finance Committee of GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance Performing the role of non-executive director in a personal capacity, as GAVI sought to mainstream all pandemic activities, particularly the COVAX facility.
August 2014 – September 2020 –	Aug 2014 – Sep 2020 – Head of Assurance at the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom Responsible for leading the audit team to deliver assurance on all UK Government ODA spend from DFID.
August 2010 – August 2014	Aug 2010 – Aug 2014 – Chartered Accountant and Senior Associate at PriceWaterhouseCoopers Senior associate within PWC's assurance practice, working domestically and internationally for clients in manufacturing, financial services, oil and gas, and the public sector.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Name: **Mr RODNEY M. HUNTER**

Present functions/activities:

2009-2022 Present Position: Deputy Permanent Representative, U.S. Mission to the United Nations Agencies in Rome (since June 2022)

Previous Positions:
2018 - 2022 Political Minister Counselor/Security Council Political Coordinator
U.S. Mission to the UN, New York
2015 - 2017 Chief of Staff, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
U.S. Department of State, Washington DC
2012 - 2015 Political/Economic Section Chief
U.S. Embassy Helsinki, Finland
2011 - 2012 Finland/Estonia Desk Officer
U.S. Department of State, Washington DC
2009 - 2011 Political Officer
U.S. Embassy Ankara, Turkey

Main previous functions/activities:

2005-2009 2007 - 2008 Governance Section Chief
U.S. Provincial Reconstruction Team, Mosul, Iraq
2005 - 2007 Political Officer
U.S. Embassy Kathmandu, Nepal

Participation in meetings or activities of the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies:

- UN Security Council – nearly all meetings from 2018-2022
- UN General Assembly – various meetings from 2018-2022
- UN Economic and Social Council – various meeting from 2018-2022
- UNGA 1st Committee – various meetings from 2018-2022
- UNGA 4th Committee – various meetings from 2018-2022
- UN Security Council site visits in Mali (2019), Burkina Faso (2019), Colombia (2019)