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 2024-25
   - Item 7 – Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative
   - Item 13 – Update on FAO’s collaboration with other UN system entities

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 hybrid mode, the following agenda items will be addressed through the written correspondence procedure, details of which may be found in documents CL 174/INF/5, Methods of Work for the 174th Session of the Council and CL 174/INF/5 Corr.1, Methods of Work for the 174th Session of the Council – Corrigendum:
   - Item 7 – Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative
   - Item 13 – Update on FAO’s collaboration with other UN system entities
   - Item 16 – Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council (Rome, 24-28 April 2023)
   - Item 17 – World Food Programme:
     - Item 17.2 – Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2022
   - Item 20 – Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO
   - Item 21 – Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions 2023-2025

3. Interventions for Sub-item 9.1 – Bioeconomy for sustainable agrifood systems transformation will be undertaken separately within consideration of Item 9 – Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee.

4. 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.
5. Meetings of the Council shall be held from 09.30 to 12.00 hours in the morning, from 14.00 to 16.30 hours in the afternoon, and from 17.00 to 19.30 hours in the evening.

6. The time zone applicable to the Council’s 174th 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 for delegates participating in person.
Monday 4 December
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable (CL 174/1 Rev.1; CL 174/INF/1; CL 174/INF/3; CL 174/INF/5; CL 174/INF/5 Corr.1)

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 2024-25 (CL 174/3; CL 174/3 Corr.1; CL 174/3 Annexes 1-7)

CL 174/7 – Report of the Joint Meeting of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee and 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 6, 8 and 10 November 2023) (paragraph 5)

CL 174/8 – Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) (paragraph 5)

CL 174/9 – Report of the 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) (paragraphs 13 and 14)

Afternoon (14.00-16.30 hours)

Item 3 (cont’d) Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25 (CL 174/3; CL 174/3 Corr.1; CL 174/3 Annexes 1-7)

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Evening (17.00-19.30 hours)

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CL 174/9 – Report of the 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) (paragraphs 13 and 14)
Tuesday 5 December
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 4 Global food security challenges and drivers (CL 174/4)

Afternoon (14.00-16.30 hours)

Item 5 The situation in Gaza related to food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (CL 174/4)

Evening (17.00-19.30 hours)

Item 6 The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (CL 174/4)

Wednesday 6 December
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 8 Report of the Joint Meeting of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee and 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, November 2023) (CL 174/7)

Item 9 Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) (CL 174/8)

9.2 Water resources management for the four betters

Sub-item 9.1 Bioeconomy for sustainable agrifood systems transformation

Afternoon (14.00 – 16.30 hours)

Item 10 Reports of the 196th (Rome, 5-7 June 2023), 197th (Rome, 30-31 October 2023) and 198th (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) Sessions of the Finance Committee (CL 174/16; CL 174/17; CL 174/9)

10.1 Audited Accounts – FAO 2022 (C 2025/5A; C 2025/5B)

10.2 Status of current assessments and arrears (CL 174/LIM/2)

Evening (17.00-19.30 hours)

Item 11 Report of the 119th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 9-11 October 2023) (CL 174/10)


Item 14 Report of the 19th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 17-21 July 2023) (CL 174/13)
Thursday 7 December
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

Item 15 Participation of private sector observers in sessions of the FAO Governing Bodies

Item 17 World Food Programme:

17.1 Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board (CL 174/15.1; CL 174/LIM/4)

Item 18 Review of the Decentralized Offices Network of FAO

Item 19 Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions

Afternoon (14.00-16.30)

Written Correspondence Procedure – draft conclusions only

Item 7 Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative (CL 174/INF/6)

CL 174/8 – Report of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 6-10 November 2023) (paragraph 14)

Item 13 Update on FAO’s collaboration with other UN systems entities (CL 174/12)

CL 174/7 – Report of the Joint Meeting of the 137th Session of the Programme Committee and 198th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 6, 8 and 10 November 2023) (paragraph 8)

Item 16 Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 172nd Session of the Council (Rome, 24-28 April 2023) (CL 174/LIM/3)

Evening (17.00-19.30 hours)

Written Correspondence Procedure – draft conclusions only

Item 17 World Food Programme:

17.2 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2022 (CL 174/15.2)

Item 20 Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO (CL 174/INF/4; CL 174/INF/4 WA 1-4)

Item 21 Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions 2023-2025 (CL 174/LIM/1)
Friday 8 December  
Morning (09.30-12.00 hours)

**Item 22**  
Any other matters

22.1 Appointment of the Chairperson and the Alternate Chairpersons of the Appeals Committee (CL 174/LIM/5)

**Meeting of the Drafting Committee**

*(time to be announced)*

**Adoption of the Report**

*(time to be announced)*