

June 2013

	منظمة الأغذية والزراعة للأمم المتحدة	联合国 粮食及 农业组织	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture	Продовольственная и сельскохозяйственная организация Объединенных Наций	Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura
---	--	--------------------	---	---	---	--

## COUNCIL

### Hundred and Forty-seventh Session

Rome, 24 June 2013

### Election of Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

- Under Rule XXXIV of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters consists of a Chairperson and seven Members (one Member from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America and Southwest Pacific). Each Member Nation seeking election to the Committee communicates to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council the name of the representative they would appoint if elected, and details of his or her qualifications and experience (Rule XXXIV.2 of the GRO).
- The procedures for election of Members of the Committee require that Member Nations of the Organization 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.
- The nominations received are listed below and the information on the qualifications and experience of the designated representatives of the prospective Members of the Committee is given in *Appendix A*.

*This document can be accessed using the Quick Response Code on this page;  
a FAO initiative to minimize its environmental impact and promote greener communications.  
Other documents can be consulted at [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)*



mg772e

4. The following nomination have been received for the post of Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

Ms Mónica Martínez (Ecuador)

Mr Gregory Groth (United States of America)

5. The following nominations have been received for election as Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters:

LIBERIA (Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff)	AFRICA
BANGLADESH (Mr Mafizur Rahman)	ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
BULGARIA (Mr Lubomir Ivanov)	EUROPE
URUGUAY (Mr Oscar Gabriel Piñeyro Bentos)	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
IRAQ (Mr Abdulsatar Chiyad Al-Sudani)	NEAR EAST
CANADA (Ms Debra Price)	NORTH AMERICA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Mr Gregory Groth)	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe)	SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

6. This election is governed by the provisions of Rule XII of the GRO. In accordance with paragraph 10(a) 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

## BANGLADESH

Name: **Mr MAFIZUR RAHMAN**

---

Present functions: Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Bangladesh, Rome and  
Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP

---

Main previous functions:

February 2009 - July 2012 Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock  
September 2007 - January 2009 Counsellor Hajj, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
January 2006 - August 2007 Director, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre  
(BPATC)

Altogether 24-year job experience in the Government of Bangladesh

---

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

Member of the FAO Programme Committee  
Member of Executive Board and Governing Council of IFAD  
Various sessions of COFO, CFS and FAO Council  
Member of the Drafting Committee at COFO and at 145<sup>th</sup> and 146<sup>th</sup> Council  
Sessions  
Member of the International Steering Committee for the International Year of  
Family Farming in 2014

**BULGARIA**

Name: **Mr LUBOMIR IVANOV**

---

Present functions: Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the UN Agencies in Rome

---

Main previous functions:

2009 – 2012 Director-General for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

2004 – 2009 Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to NATO, Brussels

2002 – 2004 Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, MFA

2000 – 2002 Director for International Security, MFA

---

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

2011 UNESCO General Conference

2009 – 2011 Alliance of Civilisations Meetings  
UNEP Annual Sessions  
UN General Assembly Sessions  
UNFCCC Summits – Copenhagen (2009); Tianjing (2010), Durban (2011)

2003 UN First Committee Sessions

---

**CANADA**

Name: **Ms DEBRA PRICE**

---

Present functions: Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the Food and Agriculture Agencies of the United Nations, Embassy of Canada, Rome (since 2012)

---

Main previous functions:

2008 – 2011 Counsellor, Political, Economic and Public Affairs, Embassy of Canada, Romania (with accreditation to Republic of Moldova and Bulgaria)

2006 – 2008 Deputy Director, United Nations and Commonwealth Affairs Division, Dept. of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa

2004 – 2006 Counsellor, Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction Program, Embassy of Canada, Russian Federation

2000 – 2004 First Secretary/Counsellor and Head of Political Section, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, New York

---

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

2011-2013 Canadian Representative at CFS Bureau and Advisory Group meetings

2011-2012  
FAO Council sessions  
FAO Committee on Food Security sessions  
Informal Regional Conference for North America (April 2012)  
Committee on Forestry  
Programme Committee (112<sup>th</sup> Session)  
WFP Executive Board sessions  
IFAD Executive Board

## ECUADOR

Name: **Ms MÓNICA MARTÍNEZ**

---

Present functions: Minister, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, Geneva  
Member of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (2011-2013)

---

Main previous functions: Doctor of Jurisprudence and Advocate  
Director, United Nations System, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quito  
Alternate Permanent Representative of Ecuador to FAO, WFP and IFAD  
Counsellor, Embassy of Ecuador in Italy  
Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, New York

---

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

2011-present	Vice-Chairperson, Bureau of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
2012	Chairperson, Fourth Meeting of the Andean Committee on Genetic Resources, Lima
2009 - 2011	Member of the FAO Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters Member of the Compliance Committee of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)
2008 - 2011	Member of the Ad Hoc Third Party Beneficiary Committee of ITPGRFA (representing Latin American and Caribbean countries)
2007 - 2009	Participation in all Major FAO Meetings
2007	Chairperson of the FAO Chapter of GRULAC Member of the Drafting Committees of: 18 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Forestry; 66 <sup>th</sup> and 67 <sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Committee on Commodity Problems; 20 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Agriculture; 34 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security
2005	Rapporteur, First Conference of Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries for the Advancement of Women, Putrajaya, Malaysia
2000	Vice-Chairperson of the General Committee, 24 <sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Social Development, Geneva Vice-Chairperson and Rapporteur of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the United Nations General Assembly, following the Fourth World Conference on Women, New York
1999	Vice-Chairperson of the Third Commission of the United Nations General Assembly (personal assignment in representing Latin America and the Caribbean)
1997	Rapporteur of the Third Commission of the United Nations General Assembly (personal assignment in representing Latin America and the Caribbean)

---

**IRAQ**

Name: **Mr ABDULSATAR CHIYAD AL-SUDANI**

---

Present functions: Director-General, Legal Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture

---

Main previous functions:  
Legal Counsellor, Ministry of Agriculture

---

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

Experience in FAO activities through the projects executed by FAO in Iraq

---

**LIBERIA**

Name: **Mr MOHAMMED S. SHERIFF**

---

Present functions: Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Liberia to FAO

---

Main previous functions:

Attorney-at-law  
Member of the Liberian National Bar Association  
Ambassador-at-large  
Acting Minister for Health and Social Welfare  
Deputy Minister for Transport  
Deputy Minister for Health and Social Welfare  
Acting Speaker of the Liberian Parliament  
Member of the Liberian Parliament (Legislative Assembly)  
Chairperson of several Standing Committees, Parliament  
Associate Professor, University of Liberia and AMEU  
Associate Dean, University of Liberia (A.M.D. College)  
Chief Medical Officer, John F. Kennedy Medical Centre, Monrovia,  
Liberia

---

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

Participation in several meetings at FAO, IFAD and WFP since 2011.

---

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Name: **Mr LAWRENCE KUNA KALINOE**

---

Present functions: Secretary, Department of Justice, and Attorney General in Papua New Guinea

---

Main previous functions:

Responsible for the overall management of the Department and the supervision of the provision of Legal Services to the State of Papua New Guinea

Advise Minister and Attorney General on all legal matters concerning the State of Papua New Guinea and its instrumentalities

Attendance to, and supervision of Papua New Guinea obligations concerning matters of international law

---

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

Immediate past member of the CCLM representing the South-West Pacific region as a delegate of Papua New Guinea

---

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Name: **Mr GREGORY GROTH**

---

Present functions: Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the UN Rome-based Agencies  
Member of the CCLM (2011-2013)  
Alternate Representative for North America in the CFS Bureau

---

Main previous functions: First Secretary, Chief of Economic and Commercial Section, Embassy of the United States, Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
Second Secretary, Chief of Economic and Commercial Section, Embassy of the United States, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo  
Regional Refugee Coordinator for West Africa, United States Department of State, based at the Embassy in Abidjan

---

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

2011-2013	FAO Council sessions
2011-2012	Committee on World Food Security sessions
2012	FAO Committee on Fisheries

---

**URUGUAY**

Name: **Mr OSCAR GABRIEL PIÑEYRO BENTOS**

---

Present functions: Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Uruguay to the Rome-based United Nations Agencies

---

Main previous functions:

Deputy Director of MERCOSUR, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

District Consul of Uruguay in Madrid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

---

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

Alternate Representative to the World Food Programme

Alternate Representative to the International Fund for Agricultural Development