



# Announcements

**148<sup>th</sup> Session of the FAO Council**  
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<b>Provisional List of Participants</b>	A limited number of print outs of the <u>Provisional</u> List of Participants will be available from the morning of Wednesday 4 December 2013 at the Documents Desk, Korean Conference Service Centre (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Building A), for the purpose of checking the accuracy of entries. Participants from countries whose language of communication is Arabic are invited to check that the translation of their names is correct. Participants are requested to submit any corrections or amendments to the Documents Desk for inclusion in the final list, which will be uploaded to the Council Web page. <b>Only registered participants will appear on the list.</b>
<b>Documents of the Council</b>	Council documentation can be downloaded at: <a href="http://www.fao.org/bodies/council/cl148/en/">http://www.fao.org/bodies/council/cl148/en/</a> A very limited quantity of documents will be available during the Council at the Documents Desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Building A).
<b>Basic Texts</b>	Copies of the Basic Texts, available in all languages, are at the disposal of delegates for consultation purposes. Delegates may request a copy from the Messengers in the Red Room.
<b>Bilateral meeting rooms</b>	A number of bilateral meeting rooms are available for use by delegations on an hourly basis. (Please refer to Room A-276, Ext. 53770, email: <a href="mailto:Meeting-Room-Reservations@fao.org">Meeting-Room-Reservations@fao.org</a> .)
<b>Electronic system to request the floor</b>	Delegates who wish to make an intervention are requested to press the red button on their desk. The light will continue flashing until the delegate has taken the floor. The order of speakers will be automatically displayed on the screen behind the podium. By pressing the red button again delegates may withdraw their request.
<b>Travel facilities (flight reservation and reconfirmation)</b>	Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT), the official travel agency of the Organization, is located on the Ground Floor of Building D (Room D-074) and is open from 09.00 to 17.00 hours. For further information, participants may contact CWT on extension number <b>55970</b> (or 06 57055970 from outside FAO) or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:faotravel@cwbook.it">faotravel@cwbook.it</a> For emergency requirements outside business hours, CWT offers a <b>24 Hour Emergency Service</b> dedicated to providing traveller assistance (Tel: +44 2033530952).
<b>Medical services</b>	For medical emergencies, participants should <b>dial 30</b> from in-house telephones or 06-57053400 from outside FAO Headquarters. For other medical services, participants may call extension 53577 from in-house telephones (06-5705-3577 from outside FAO Headquarters). They may also go directly to the Medical Service (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Building B) during the working hours of the Council. For urgent medical assistance outside the working hours, participants are requested to call 118 or <i>Guardia Medica/Doctors-on-Call</i> on 06 570600.
<b>Banking and currency exchange facilities</b>	The <i>Banca Intesa San Paolo</i> is located on the ground floor, Building B, and is open from 08.35 hours to 16.35 hours. The <i>Banca Popolare di Sondrio</i> is located on the ground floor, Building D (D-016), and is open from 08:30 to 16:30 hours. Cash dispensers (ATM) for credit card withdrawals are located at the entrances of both banks.

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<b>Exhibitions</b>	<p><b>Monday 2 December 13.00 – 14.30 – Flag Hall</b> - Inauguration of Chinese Agro-Ecological Painting Exhibition with works by Zhu Renmin</p> <p><b>From Monday 2 December to Friday 13 December - Atrium</b></p> <p>Photo exhibition on the climatic condition and biodiversity aspects of Quinoa</p>
<b>Estonian Contact Centre (ECC)</b>	The Estonian Contact Centre (ECC) is located at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Iran Room (B016). The ECC has two videophones equipped with Skype technology to enable free video calls to be made anywhere in the world.
<b>Media assistance for Permanent Representatives during the council</b>	The Office for Corporate Communication (OCC) informs Delegates to Council that OCCM (Media Relations Branch) can provide technical support and facilities for radio and TV interviews in the studios of the <i>Angola Radio and Television Centre</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor of Building A (Room A-300) from 09.00 to 17.30 hours. Requests should be forwarded, sufficiently in advance, to Mr Mehdi Drissi, Chief, Media Relations, OCCM ( <a href="mailto:Mehdi.Drissi@fao.org">Mehdi.Drissi@fao.org</a> / +39 06570 56479).
<b>Catering facilities</b>	<p>The FAO Headquarters offers the following dining and snack bar facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building B 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>Cafeteria Terrace</b>: from 11.45 to 14.30 hours</li> <li>• Building C 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>FAO Restaurant Menu à la Carte</b>: from 12.00 to 14.30 hours (<i>reservation recommended: ext.56823 - tel.06-57056823</i>)</li> <li>• Building B 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>Bar B</b>: from 09.00 to 15.00 hours.</li> <li>• Building C 8<sup>th</sup> Floor - <b>Blue Bar</b>: from 07.30 to 17.00 hours.</li> <li>• Building A Ground Floor - <b>Polish Bar</b>: from 07.30 until the end of the daily session.</li> <li>• Building D Ground Floor - <b>Bar D</b>: from 07.30 to 17.30 hours.</li> </ul> <p>Bank and credit cards are accepted at the Restaurant, Polish Bar and Blue Bar.</p> <p><b>Vending machines and water dispensers</b>: are available in various locations throughout the building.</p>
<b>Environment friendly Council</b>	<p>Participants are invited to note the following eco-friendly services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council documents have been printed double-sided on 100% ecological paper.</li> <li>• All documents have been printed in a limited number of copies. Participants are encouraged to consult documents on-line (via WiFi access and internet points) and to request additional copies only if indispensable.</li> <li>• The Organization is promoting the use of quick response codes to download publications and documents to mobile devices such as tablets and smart phones.</li> <li>• As an alternative to plastic-bottles, drinking water has been provided inside the Red Room. Water dispensers, offering still and sparkling filtered water, can be found outside the Red Room and are located throughout the building.</li> </ul>
<b>Prayer Room</b>	A Prayer Room is available for use by Council participants in Room A250 Ter.
<b>Cloakroom</b>	A cloakroom is situated at the main entrance (Building A) on the right hand side before the staircase.

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#### Side Events

<b>Tuesday, 3 December 2013</b>	The FAO Global Initiative in Support of Food Security, Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources <b>13.00 – 14.30 - Iran Room (Room B-016, Building B)</b>
<b>Wednesday, 4 December 2013</b>	Open Data in Agriculture and Food Security <b>13.00 – 14.30 - Iran Room (Room B-016, Building B)</b>
<b>Thursday, 5 December 2013</b>	World Soil Day: A Platform to Raise Awareness on the Importance of Soils <b>13.00 – 14.30 – Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor, Atrium)</b>