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## COUNCIL

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### Election of Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee

1. Under Rule XXVI of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), the Programme 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 XXVI.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*.

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4. The following nomination has been received for the post of Chairperson of the Programme Committee:

Mr Hans Hoogeveen (Netherlands)

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

AFRICA	CONGO	(Mr Marc Mankoussou)
	COTE D'IVOIRE	(Mr Kanga Kouamé)
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	BANGLADESH	(Mr Mafizur Rahman)
	JAPAN	(Mr Toru Hisazome)
	MALAYSIA	(Mr Muhammad Rudy Khairudin Mohd Nor)
EUROPE	SWITZERLAND	(Mr François Pythoud)
	UNITED KINGDOM	(Ms Terri Sarch)
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	ARGENTINA	(Ms Maria Cristina Boldorini)
	PERU	(Ms Claudia Elizabeth Guevara de la Jara)
NEAR EAST	IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	(Mr Shahin Ghorashizadeh)
	JORDAN	(Mr Fiesal Rasheed Salamh Al Argan)
NORTH AMERICA	CANADA	(Ms Jennifer Fellows)
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC	NEW ZEALAND	(Mr Matthew Hooper)

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

## NETHERLANDS

Name: **Mr HANS HOOGEVEEN**

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Present functions/activities:

1 September 2016 Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture, Rome

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Main previous functions/activities:

Before Dr Hoogeveen was Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organizations for Food and Agriculture, he was the Director-General for Agriculture and Nature Management at the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs. As such, Dr Hoogeveen was the most senior civil servant to lead the agriculture, agribusiness, food safety, food security, veterinary and plant health, international affairs, including the European Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy, international food security, the FAO and other UN affairs, trade liberalisation (WTO), market access and nature/biodiversity managements agendas.

Over the course of the last two decades, Dr Hoogeveen served in numerous international functions, including as Chair of the Bureau of the Seventh Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, which adopted in 2007, under his leadership, an international instrument on forests, which was called a landmark achievement by the UN Secretary-General after fifteen years of stalled international negotiations. For his achievements within the Forum, Dr Hoogeveen received an UN award during the High-Level Special Event on the UN General Assembly's adoption of the international forest instrument. He is one of the founding fathers of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture and the Global Action Network for Blue Growth and Food Security. He also served, amongst others, as President of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Facilitator of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC). He was lead negotiator in a numerous international processes on behalf of the EU and Netherlands government.

Dr Hoogeveen holds a number of other positions. He serves on several boards, including Yale University's Governance, Environment, and Markets Initiative, and Forest Trends, a leading International NGO on innovative natural resource policy in Washington, D.C.

Dr Hoogeveen is Professor of Practice in Natural Resource Policy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston. He is also lead lecturer in European Policy at the Netherlands School for Public Government. He received his doctorate degree from Wageningen University, in close collaboration with The Fletcher School. Dr Hoogeveen also received a law degree in the Netherlands and also holds a master's degree in Public Administration. He also completed a programme for Senior Managers in Government at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Dr Hoogeveen has written a number of scientific papers on sustainable development and natural resources, including seminal work on lessons learned from global forest governance.

**APPENDIX B****ARGENTINA**

**Name: Ms MARIA CRISTINA BOLDORINI**

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**Present functions/activities:**

June 2017 Appointed Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to FAO, IFAD and WFP

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**Main previous functions/activities:**

April - December 2016 Secretary for International Economic Relations  
2014 -2016 National Director for Bilateral Economic Negotiations  
2012 – 2013 Director for Bilateral Economic Negotiations with Asia and Oceania  
2012 Secretary of the Argentine Presidency pro Tempore at the MERCOSUR Summit  
2009 – 2011 Permanent Representative before MERCOSUR and ALADI, Montevideo, Uruguay

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**BANGLADESH**

Name: **Mr MAFIZUR RAHMAN**

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Present functions/activities:

August 2012 - present Dr Rahman is working as Economic Counsellor of Bangladesh Embassy to cover the multilateral affairs for the three Rome-based Agencies. Currently, he is a CFS Bureau member and Chairing CFS MYPoW. He was Programme Committee member in 2013 and Alternate member of IFAD for the same year. Moreover, he is now a member of the FAO-WFP Staff Pension Committee and member of the WFP Executive Board.

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Main previous functions/activities:

February 1988 - July 2012 Dr Rahman is working as a public servant for more than 28 years in Bangladesh Government. He was the chief executive of a big administrative unit of the country. He was posted as Hajj Counsellor of Bangladesh in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for three years.

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**CANADA**

Name: **Ms JENNIFER FELLOWS**

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Present functions/activities:

2014 - present Deputy Director, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Division, Global Affairs  
Canada

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Main previous functions/activities:

2011-2014 Counsellor (Agriculture), Embassy of Canada , Moscow, Russian Federation

2009-2011 Deputy Director, Trade Agreements and Negotiations Directorate, Agriculture and  
Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa

2008-2009 Senior Trade Policy Officer, Trade Agreements and Negotiations Directorate,  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa

2007-2008 Senior Policy Officer, Automotive and Transportation Industries Branch, Industry  
Canada, Ottawa

2005-2007 Senior Trade Policy Officer, **Market Access Division, Foreign  
Affairs and International Trade Canada, Ottawa**

2004-2005 Policy Analyst, International Energy Division, Natural Resources Canada, Ottawa

2001-2004 Policy Analyst, Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ottawa

2000-2001 Economist, Dairy Farmers of Canada, Mississauga

1999-2000 Consultant, **Organisation for Economic Development and  
Cooperation, Paris, France**

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**CONGO**

Name: **Mr MARC MANKOUSSOU**

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Present functions/activities:

Counsellor, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Congo to  
FAO, IFAD and WFP, Embassy of the Republic of Congo, Rome

Agro-ecologist

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Main previous functions/activities:

Agro-ecologist

Member of the Programme Committee

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**CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

Name:           **Mr KANGA KOUAMÉ**

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Present functions/activities:

2012 - present   Deputy Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to FAO/IFAD/WFP, Rome

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Main previous functions/activities:

1984 to 2012    Veterinary doctor, civil servant at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

- Director of Livestock Farming (2010-2011)
- Director of Veterinary Services (2000-2010)
- Director of *Ranch de la Marahoue* (1990-1999)
- Director of Animal Health Laboratory, Bouake (1984-1990)



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**IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)**

Name: **Mr SHAHIN GHORASHIZADEH**

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Present functions/activities:

2016-2017 Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Representative to FAO (since February 2017)  
Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO (March 2016 - February 2017)

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Main previous functions/activities:

2006-2016 Head of International Organization Department, International Relations  
Division, Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture (MOJA)

2001-2006 Director of FAO Project Department, Bureau of International and Specific  
Organizations (BIASO), Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture (MOJA)

1996-2001 International Expert, Bureau of International and Specific Organizations  
(BIASO), Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture (MOJA)

1993-1996 Head of Import Department, Iran Fisheries Organization (SHILAT)

1988-1993 Trade Expert, Iran Fisheries Organization (SHILAT)

**JAPAN**

**Name: Mr TORU HISAZOME**

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**Present functions/activities:**

Since 2017 Embassy of Japan to Italy

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**Main previous functions/activities:**

2015 – 2017 Director, International Strategy Office, International Policy Division, International Affairs Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)

2014 – 2015 Special Assistant to Vice-Minister for International Affairs, MAFF

2013 – 2014 Deputy Director, International Economic Affairs Division, International Affairs Department, MAFF  
Participated in Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations

2012 – 2013 Deputy Director, Grain Trade and Operation Division, Department of Crop Production, Agricultural Production Bureau, MAFF  
Co-chaired the First Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Council held in Bangkok, Thailand

2011 – 2012 Deputy Director, Information Analysis Office, Policy Planning Division, Minister's Secretariat, MAFF

2008 – 2011 Senior Researcher, Head of Beijing Office, Japan International Research Centre for Agricultural Sciences (JIRCAS)

2007 – 2008 Deputy Director, International Affairs Office, Staple Food Department, General Food Policy Bureau, MAFF

2004 – 2007 Director, Shanghai Office, Japan External Trade Organization

2002 – 2004 Deputy Director, Loan Aid Division, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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**JORDAN**

**Name: Mr FIESAL RASHEED SALAMH AL ARGAN**

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**Present functions/activities:**

- 2013 – present Deputy Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations Agencies based in Rome (FAO, WFP, IFAD):
- Participation in meetings and activities at the United Nations specialized Agencies including: WFP Executive Board, IFAD Governing Council, FAO Council and Conference.
  - Participation in the Codex Alimentarius Commission Meetings
  - CFS meetings as Bureau member until December 2013 and as Alternate afterwards
  - Participation in Intergovernmental Negotiations regarding different FAO important documents
  - CCP Bureau Member on behalf of the Near East Regional Group
  - Member of the FAO Programme Committee (2015-2017)
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**Main previous functions/activities:**

- 2003 – 2013 Ministry of Agriculture of Jordan:
- Assistant to the Secretary-General for Animal Welfare
  - Member of the High Committee for Quarantine Diseases
  - Assistant to the Secretary-General for Governorate Affairs
  - Directorate of Mafraq, Zarqa, Amman Agricultural Directorate
  - Head of the Extension Division

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**MALAYSIA**

**Name: Mr MUHAMMAD RUDY KHAIRUDIN MOHD NOR**

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**Present functions/activities:**

Since August 2017 Agriculture Attaché, Alternate Permanent Representative to FAO, Embassy of Malaysia, Rome

2016 - present Under-Secretary, International Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry

Co-Chair, Sub-Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Matters (SPS), ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA

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**Main previous functions/activities:**

2014-2016 Senior Principal Assistant Secretary (Trade), International Division  
Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry

Malaysia's Lead Negotiator for Agriculture and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Chapter in Free Trade Agreements

Head of Delegation to the FAO Council (December 2016 and April 2017)

Host country of FAO 33<sup>rd</sup> Asia and the Pacific Regional Conference (April 2016)

2011-2013 Agriculture Attaché, Malaysia's Agriculture Office, Australia

2009-2010 Principal Assistant Secretary (Licensing), Ministry of Tourism

2006-2007 Senior Assistant Secretary (International), Ministry of Tourism

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**NEW ZEALAND**

Name: **Mr MATTHEW HOOPER**

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Present functions/activities:

May 2014 - present As Counsellor (Primary Industries) and Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO at the New Zealand Embassy, Rome, Matt Hooper represents New Zealand's interests in relation to primary industries at FAO and in other international organisations in Europe. He also supports New Zealand's role as Secretariat of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases. He has sat on Programme Committee since October 2014, is currently on the Bureau of the Committee on World Food Security, and is a Co-chair of the South-West Pacific Regional Group.

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Main previous functions/activities:

2003-2014 Matt Hooper has extensive policy experience working for the New Zealand government, in both domestic and international contexts. Between 2005 and 2013 he led New Zealand's engagement in international fisheries issues and negotiations in the Pacific region. Prior to this, he worked on a broad range of policy issues including aquaculture development and indigenous fishing rights.

**PERU**

**Name: Ms CLAUDIA ELIZABETH GUEVARA DE LA JARA**

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**Present functions/activities:**

2016-2017 As Alternate Permanent Representative of Peru to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Ms de la Jara is responsible of all issues related to the three agencies in Rome. The main areas of work with these organisations are those related to fisheries, family farming, climate change, biodiversity, forestry, food security and nutrition. Being Peru the representative of GRULAC to the COFI bureau, she personally attends all preparatory meetings of COFI33, among several others of the Governing Bodies. Finally, due to its interest with a position in the Programme Committee, Peru was attending the previous meetings as observer.

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**Main previous functions/activities:**

2003-2017 As a multilateral and career diplomat, the last 14 years were dedicated to work on the most diverse issues with international organisations. Six of these 14 years, Ms de la Jara worked as Alternate Permanent Representative of Peru to the International Organisations in Geneva, Switzerland, being her main responsibilities various trade aspects at WTO and development issues at UNCTAD.

Back to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, in Lima, for 3 years, Ms de la Jara was in charge of the same issues mentioned above, plus intellectual property rights.

Other three years of her career were dedicated to work on renewable energies, as Deputy Permanent Representative of Peru to the International Renewables Agency in Abu Dhabi.

Since 2016, her work is devoted to issues related to agriculture, food security, nutrition, fisheries, forestry, climate change and biodiversity at FAO, IFAD and WFP, participating in several meetings of their governing bodies, among others.

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**SWITZERLAND**

Name: **Mr FRANÇOIS PYTHOUD**

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Present functions/activities:

Since 2015      Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP  
Since 2016      Chair of the FAO Committee on Agriculture  
Since 2015      Representative of European Regional Group in the Bureau of the FAO  
Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

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Main previous functions/activities:

2007-2015      Director, Division International Sustainable Agriculture, Federal Office for  
Agriculture of Switzerland  
Swiss Focal Point for FAO  
Member of the Swiss delegation to FAO Conference and FAO Council

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**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Name:** Ms **TERRI SARCH**

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Present functions/activities:

June 2016 - present United Kingdom Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome

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Main previous functions/activities:

- 2014 - 2016 Acting and Deputy Head, Global Funds Department, DFID  
Led the department responsible for DFID's policies, financial management and shareholder relations with global funds for health and education and the WHO; represented the UK on WHO's Executive Board and Programme Budget and Advisory Committee; and on the Global Partnership for Education's Board of Directors and Governance Ethics Risk and Finance Committee.
- 2013 Joint Head and Deputy Director, Africa Directorate, DFID  
Job-share assignment to lead the DFID department responsible for coordinating DFID's Africa Programme.
- 2010 - 2014 Wealth Creation Team Leader, Africa Regional Department, DFID  
Led the UK African Free Trade initiative to increase trade, incomes and economic development.
- 2008 - 2010 Agriculture and Food Security Adviser, Africa Regional Department, DFID  
Led DFID and other bilateral and multilateral development partners' work to support African efforts to increase agricultural productivity and improve food security. Chaired CAADP's Development Partners Task Team and led their response to 2008 food price crisis.
- 2005 - 2008 Livelihoods Adviser, Renewable Natural Resources and Agriculture Team, Policy and Research Division, DFID.  
Worked across UK government to define policy to improve the business environment for agricultural growth in developing countries.
- 2003 - 2005 Programme Coordinator, Programme of Advisory Support Services to DFID (PASS)  
Technical oversight of consultancy work to provide DFID's advisers with policy guidance in the areas of rural poverty, livelihoods and trade.
- 2000 - 2003 Team Leader, DFID Financed State and Local Government Programme (SLGP), Jigawa State, Nigeria  
Set up and managed the inception and implementation of the SLGP programme, working closely with the Jigawa State Government.
- 1999 - 2000 Research Fellow, Flood Hazard Research Centre, Middlesex University  
Research into the institutions that determine access to, make a living from and response to fluctuations in natural resources.
- 1996 - 1999 Research Studentship awarded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to complete my doctorate under the supervision of Professor Frank Ellis at the University of East Anglia. My thesis analysed why households living on the shores of Lake Chad employed different livelihood strategies.



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- 1993 - 1996 Project Officer, Centre for Economics and Management of Aquatic Resources, University of Portsmouth  
This involved the planning, coordination and supervision of three (of the five) key research components of the Traditional Management of Artisanal Fisheries Project in Northern Nigeria (ODA's Natural Resources Policy Research Programme R-5471).
- 1992 - 1993 Research Consultant, Maize Research Impact in Africa (MARIA)  
USAID commissioned this research programme to assess the impact of improved maize varieties on food security, the environment and resource allocation within farming systems in Africa. I undertook the Kenyan component of this programme.
- 1991 - 1992 Research Consultant, The Overseas Development Institute (ODI)  
This assignment involved a village to national level evaluation of the Gambian Farmer Innovation and Technology Testing (FITT) project.