



# FIRST GLOBAL Working Conference of FAO Representatives

Rome, 12–14 December 2023

## Agenda

### Tuesday, 12 December 2023

08:00	Buses	Transfer from hotel to FAO headquarters
09:00–09:10	Red Room (1st floor Bldg A)	Introduction
<b>FRAMING SEGMENT</b>		
09:10–09:30	Red Room (1st floor Bldg A)	Opening remarks by the FAO Director-General
09:30–10:45	Red Room (1st floor Bldg A)	The Changing Global Development Narrative: FAO's role in assisting Members to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2030  Keynote speech by Ms Hanna Tetteh, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Horn of Africa  Ministers representing the five regions and the Host Country
10:45–11:00	Korean Lounge (1st floor Bldg A)	Coffee Break
11:00–12:30	Red Room (1st floor Bldg A)	<b>Plenary Session</b> – FAO Representatives' Voices Chaired by Deputy Director-General Semedo
12:30–13:30	FAO Restaurant (8th floor)	Lunch with the Director-General
<b>POSITIONING FAO</b>		
13:45–15:00	Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor)	<b>Plenary Session</b> – Four Betters: From Strategic Framework to Country programming Chaired by ADG/Director, OSP Presentation by Office of Innovation
15:00–16:00	Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor)	<b>Plenary Session</b> – Catalysing the Transformation of Agrifood Systems Chaired by Chief Economist Presentation by Directors of the Stream, and presentation by CFS
16:00–16:15	Atrium	Coffee break
16:15–17:30	Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor)	<b>Breakout Groups Session</b> – Positioning FAO at country level Chaired by Deputy Director-General Bechdol Presentations by Director, PSU and Director, PSR
17:45–19:30	Campidoglio (Capitol Hill)	Transfer to <i>Campidoglio</i> , cultural visit of the <a href="#">Musei Capitolini</a> and transfer to the hotel
Dinner free		

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08:15 Buses Transfer from hotel to FAO headquarters

**ENHANCED MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORKS**

09:00–10:30 Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor) **Plenary Session** – Strengthened management approaches  
Presentations by OIG, LEG, Ethics Officer, Ombudsman, OER and ADG/OSP

10:30–10:45 Atrium Coffee break

10:45–12:30 Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor) **Breakout Groups Session** – Improved support to offices in the field for efficient business operations and leveraging interagency collaboration  
**Chaired by Deputy Director-General Corporate, Logistics and Operational Support Stream**  
Presentations by Director, CSL, Director, CSH, Director, PSS and Director, CSF

12:30–14:00 Atrium Lunch break

14:00–15:00 Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor) **Plenary Session** – Digital FAO – Digitalization towards transformation of Agrifood systems and FAO Digital Workplace  
**Chaired by Chief Economist**  
Presentations by Director, CSI and Director, OIN

15:00–16.00 Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor) **Plenary Session** – Communications and Advocacy  
**Chaired by Deputy Director-General Bechdol**  
Presentation by OCC/PSU/PSR/OER

16:00–16:15 Atrium Coffee Break

**THE WAY FORWARD**

16:15–18.00 Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor) **Plenary Session** – Decentralized Offices Network and FAO Representations – Budgetary, structural and other managerial improvements to address challenges and gaps in delivering with greater flexibility and efficiency the FAO Strategic Framework  
Presentations by Laurent Thomas, Special Representative of the Director-General, and Beth Crawford, ADG/Director OSP

18:15–19:30 Cafeteria (8th floor) **Light Reception** – Nourishing our work together on Climate and Environment Finance  
**Chaired by Deputy Director-General Semedo**  
Presentation by OCB

19:45 Transfer to the Hotel

Dinner free

**Thursday, 14 December 2023**

08:15	Buses	Transfer from hotel to field visit at 'Azienda Agricola Maccarese'
09:00–10:30	Maccarese	Welcome coffee and field visit at 'Azienda Agricola Maccarese'
10:30–11:30	Maccarese	<b>Plenary Session (at Maccarese)</b> – Reflections on the role of FAORs Presentation by Dan Gustafson, Chairperson of the FAO Publications Board
11:30–12:15	Maccarese	Brunch
12:15–13:00	Buses	Transfer to FAO
13:30–15:15	Plenary Hall	<b>Employee Recognition Awards and 25-Year Medal Ceremony</b>
15:15–15:30	Korean Lounge (1st floor Bldg A)	Coffee break
16:30–17:15	Red Room (1st floor Bldg A)	<b>Plenary Session</b> – The road to the Regional Conferences 2024 Chaired by Deputy Director-General Martina Presentations by the Assistant Directors-General/Regional Representatives
17:15–17:30	Red Room (1st floor Bldg A)	<b>Closing remarks by the FAO Director-General</b>
18:00	Buses	Transfer from FAO headquarters to hotel or return to respective duty station