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42nd Session of the FAO Conference
14 – 18 June 2021

Monday, 14 June 2021

PLENARY

Morning

9.30-12.30 hours
Plenary (Plenary Hall/Zoom Platform)

FIRST PLENARY MEETING

Item 1 Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

*Address by His Excellency Sergio Mattarella,
President of the Republic of Italy*

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

Item 2 Appointment of the General Committee and Credentials Committee

Opening Statement by the Chairperson of the Conference

Statement by the Director-General

Statement by the Independent Chairperson of the Council

GENERAL COMMITTEE

First Meeting of the General Committee (restricted)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Second Meeting of the Credentials Committee (restricted)

Afternoon

14.30 - 20.00 hours
Plenary (Plenary Hall/Zoom Platform)

SECOND PLENARY MEETING

Item 3 Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session (C 2021/1; C 2021/12;
C 2021/12 Information Note 1; C 2021/INF/1; C 2021/INF/2; C 2021/LIM/16)

Item 4 Admission of Observers (C 2021/13)

Item 5 Applications for Membership in the Organization (Vote)

Item 9 Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (C 2021/2 Rev.1)

Proposed theme for the General Debate: "Agriculture Food Systems Transformation: From Strategy to Action"

Statements by Heads of Delegation of:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO

18:00 – 20:00 hours

Item 28 Any Other Matters

28.1 McDougall Memorial Lecture (C 2021/INF/7)

- 1) Statement by Mr Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Combating climate change and hunger through Innovation
 - 2) Address by the Mr. David Hazlehurst, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment of Australia
 - 3) High-level Panel discussion moderated by Mr Máximo Torero Cullen, FAO Chief Economist.
Interaction with the Panel:
 - Dr Jewel H. Bronaugh, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America
 - His Excellency Víctor Manuel Villalobos Arámbula, Secretary for Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico
 - Her Excellency Thoko Didiza, Minister for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development of the Republic of South Africa
 - The Honourable William D. Dar, Secretary for Agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines
 - His Excellency Saud bin Hamoud bin Ahmed Al-Habsi, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources of the Sultanate of Oman
 - His Excellency, Stefano Patuanelli, Minister for Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies of the Republic of Italy
 - Dr QU Dongyu, FAO Director-General
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DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Nomination forms for Member Nations wishing to be elected to the Council are appended to document **C 2021/11 REV. 1** (<http://www.fao.org/3/ne970en/ne970en.pdf>). All forms should be completed and signed by the delegate of the country standing for election to the Council and by two nominating delegations, which need not necessarily be from the same region as the candidate.

The forms should be submitted to CSG-Director@fao.org, Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference, by **12.00 hours (CEST) on Monday, 14 June 2021** at the latest.

In accordance with Rule XXII.10(g) of the GRO "... Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw."

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Credential Letters can be provided to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee by email to: FAO-Conference@fao.org

GENERAL DEBATE OF THE CONFERENCE

STATEMENTS BY HEADS OF DELEGATION FOR PLENARY

To ensure accurate interpretation of statements, timely production of verbatim records and web posting on the Conference website, delegations are kindly requested to submit the electronic version of their statements (preferably in WORD format) to: Conference-Statements@fao.org at least one hour before delivery. The name of the country and speaker should be indicated at the top of the first page in one of the following languages: English, French or Spanish.

MCDUGALL MEMORIAL LECTURE

The McDougall Memorial Lecture will take place in Plenary at **18:00 hours on Monday, 14 June 2021** under item 28.1 on the Provisional Agenda of the Conference. This will consist of a keynote statement by Mr Bill Gates, Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, who will address the Conference on "*Combating climate change and hunger through Innovation*".

The keynote statement will be followed by an interactive event consisting of a high-level discussion moderated by Mr Máximo Torero Cullen, FAO Chief Economist, with the following participation:

- Dr Jewel H. Bronaugh, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America
- His Excellency Víctor Manuel Villalobos Arámbula, Secretary for Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico
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FAO CONFERENCE 42 VIRTUAL PLATFORM

Delegates to the 42nd Session of the Conference may enter meetings of the Conference, and access all documents and information related to the Conference, on the new Virtual Platform. Delegates have received their login credentials on the email addresses used at the registration phase. The Virtual Platform of the 42nd Session of the Conference may be accessed here using these credentials:

<http://fao.6connex.eu/event/conference/login>

DOCUMENTS

The documents of the Conference may be downloaded at:

<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/conference/c2021/list-of-documents/en/>

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Additional information regarding the Conference may be found at the following link:

<http://www.fao.org/3/ng032en/ng032en.pdf>