

177th Session of the Council

Written Correspondence Procedure – inputs from Members - English version

Item 19 – Calendar of FAO, IFAD and WFP Governing Bodies 2025

Member Name	Comments
Mexico (Tuesday, 25 March 2025 – 11.35)	<p>Mexico takes note of the updated calendar and stresses the need to ensure effective and representative regional participation.</p> <p>In this regard, it is proposed to promote the advanced planning of technical sessions and timely translation of documents, facilitating substantive participation by all Members and ensuring background documents are submitted in good time for discussion.</p>
Australia (Thursday, 27 March 2025 – 18.51)	<p>Australia appreciates visibility of the calendar of FAO Governing Bodies. We note that the calendar does not include the many other conferences and events organised by FAO, for which we are often only provided very short notice. We would appreciate more notice of these events, in particular to coordinate attendance and representation with Capitals, including among the Southwest Pacific regional group.</p> <p>Recognising that efforts will be underway to develop the calendar for 2026, including timing for Regional Conferences, we recall the decision of Council 175 (para 15c) which <i>requested Management to further consult Members in establishing inclusive and equitable arrangements with regard to the timing, format and modality for each Regional Conference, and to provide a financial overview of the costs.</i></p> <p>Australia would appreciate an update on implementation of this decision, including the timing of planned consultations with Members on arrangements for Regional Conferences, prior to the 2026 calendar being developed.</p>