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Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2021

Executive Summary

As requested by the Council at its 66th Session, a calendar of sessions of Governing Bodies for the following biennium is submitted to the Council for approval, and reviewed at subsequent sessions. The Secretariats of FAO, IFAD and WFP prepare this calendar jointly in an endeavour to harmonize the dates of their respective Governing Bodies.

An updated calendar for 2020 and 2021 is given in *Appendix A*. Changes made to dates from those endorsed by the 163rd Session of the Council in December 2019 are marked with an asterisk.

These changes apply to meetings postponed from the first semester of 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic situation, and include two categories of meetings:

- a) Governing Body sessions for which new dates have been agreed upon, for example, meetings of the Council and its Committees, which were re-scheduled to June and July 2020; and
- b) Governing Body sessions, and meetings of Statutory Bodies, for which new dates are tentatively included in *Appendix A*. These new dates may be subject to change as a result of ongoing consultation processes with the relevant FAO Membership stakeholders. This includes Chairpersons, Host Countries and Regional Groups for the Regional Conferences, and Chairpersons and Bureaux for the Technical Committees.

In the interest of avoiding overlap of FAO, IFAD and WFP meetings (other than Governing Body sessions) which may be of interest to Permanent Representatives, the three Rome-based Agencies share a Web-based "common calendar" which meeting conveners may consult online before scheduling meetings at: <http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/calendar/en/>

Suggested action by the Council

The 164th Session of Council is requested to approve changes made to the calendar since its last session.

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¹ Rescheduled from 8-12 June 2020

Appendix A

Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2021

	2020		2021	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	179 FC (WFP) IFAD/GC WFP	6-7 10-14 24-28	34 COFI* 47 CFS* IFAD/GC WFP	1-5 8-12 15-19 22-26
MARCH			18 CGRFA 112 CCLM 73 CCP* 184 FC 130 PC 166 CL	1-5 8-10 10-12 22-26 22-26 29/3-2/4
APRIL	IFAD/EB*	20-23	IFAD/EB	19-23
MAY	110 CCLM*	28-29		
JUNE	181 FC (WFP) WFP 180 FC* 128 PC*	3-5 29/6-3/7 8-17 8-17	WFP	21-25
JULY	CL 164*	6-10	44 CODEX 42 C 167 CL	5-9 (Geneva) 12-16 19
AUGUST	35 NERC*	24-26		
SEPTEMBER	35 APRC* IFAD/EB 31 ARC* 32 ERC* 43 CODEX* 27 COAG	1-4 7-11 14-18 21-23 24-25 28/9-2/10	IFAD/EB	13-17
OCTOBER	25 COFO* 43 CODEX* (cont'd) CFS* WFD 36 LARC* INARC* 111 CCLM 182 FC (WFP)	5-9 12 13-15 16 19-21 22-23 26-28 29-30	48 CFS WFD 113 CCLM	11-15 15 (Friday) 25-27
NOVEMBER	183 FC 129 PC WFP 165 CL	9-13 9-13 16-20 30/11-4/12	185 FC 131 PC WFP 168 CL	8-12 8-12 15-19 29/11-3/12
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	7-11	IFAD/EB	13-17

(*) Change compared to Calendar submitted to the previous Council session

Easter:	12 April 2020	Easter:	4 April 2021
Orthodox Easter:	19 April 2020	Orthodox Easter:	2 May 2021
Ramadan:	24 April – 23 May 2020	Ramadan:	13 April – 12 May 2021
Eid Al-Fitr:	24 May 2020	Eid Al-Fitr:	13 May 2021
Eid Al-Adha:	31 July 2020	Eid Al-Adha:	20 July 2021

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America

CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	PC	Programme Committee
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board