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COUNCIL

(as from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference)

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Bangladesh ¹	Ethiopia ¹	Mexico ²	Sudan ^{2,10}
Belarus ¹	Georgia ^{3,5}	Morocco ³	Thailand ^{3,11}
Brazil ²	Germany ^{2,6}	Nicaragua ¹	Uganda ³
Cameroon ³	Guinea ²	Norway ³	United Kingdom ^{1,12}
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¹ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021) to 30 June 2024

² Term of office: 1 July 2022 to end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

³ Term of office: end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2026

⁴ Croatia replaced Bosnia and Herzegovina from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2024

⁵ Switzerland will replace Georgia from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference to 30 June 2026

⁶ France will replace Germany from 1 July 2024 until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁷ Lithuania replaced Israel from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁸ Ukraine will replace Slovenia from 1 July 2024 to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁹ The United Kingdom will replace Spain from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) to 30 June 2026

¹⁰ Sudan replaced Iraq for the remainder of its term (from the end of 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference) as Iraq was deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

¹¹ Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2026

¹² The United Kingdom replaced Spain from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024

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Burundi ³	Georgia ^{2,5}	Mauritania ¹	Thailand ^{2,11}
Cameroon ²	Guatemala ³	Mexico ¹	Uganda ²
Canada ¹	Guinea ¹	Morocco ²	Ukraine ^{1,8}
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China ³	India ²	Norway ²	United States of America ¹
		Pakistan ²	

¹ Term of office: 1 July 2022 to end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

² Term of office: end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2026

³ Term of Office: 1 July 2024 to the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027)

⁴ Peru will replace Ecuador from 1 January 2026 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027)

⁵ Switzerland will replace Georgia from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) to 30 June 2026

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Procedure of the Session

Introductory Items¹

1. The 175th Session of the Council was held from 10 to 14 June 2024 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

Statement by the Director-General²

2. The Director-General, Dr QU Dongyu, delivered a statement to the Council.

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable³

3. The Council adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session, as amended.

4. The Council approved the methods of work outlined in document CL 175/INF/5, *Methods of Work for the 175th Session of the Council*.

5. The Agenda is given in Appendix A to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee⁴

6. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Cissé Seydou (Côte d'Ivoire); Ms Stefania Costanza (Italy); and Mr Khalid Yousuf Al-Sada (Qatar).

7. The Council elected Mr Mina Rizk (Egypt) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Germany, India, Japan, Kuwait, Morocco, Spain and United States of America.

Programmatic Matters

Programme Implementation Report 2022-23⁵

8. The Council:

- a) welcomed document C 2025/8, *Programme Implementation Report 2022-23*, and concurred with the findings of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and the 199th Session of the Finance Committee;
- b) commended the Organization for the results achieved in implementing the Programme of Work 2022-23 within the challenging global context and crises in the biennium and within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- c) commended FAO on the record mobilization of voluntary contributions, which demonstrates the trust in the Organization and recognizes growing needs, and highlighted the unique role of South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
- d) requested Management, while preparing the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2026-27, to specify the forecast allocation of extrabudgetary resources, where possible, with a view to allowing full transparency on the application of voluntary contributions for the implementation of the priorities agreed upon in the Strategic Framework, and in line with the Basic Texts;

¹ CL 175/PV/1; CL 175/PV/9

² CL 175/PV/1; CL 175/PV/9

³ CL 175/1 Rev.1; CL 175/INF/1; CL 175/INF/3; CL 175/INF/5; CL 175/PV/1; CL 175/PV/9

⁴ CL 175/PV/1; CL 175/PV/9

⁵ C 2025/8; C 2025/8 WAs 1-9; CL 175/PV/1; CL 175/PV/2; CL 175/PV/9

- e) requested FAO to continue advancing science- and evidence-based normative and standard setting work, including by supporting Codex Alimentarius, and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) along with its ePhyto solution, including allocating adequate resources from FAO's Regular Budget in the next PWB;
 - f) noted the importance of protecting and funding intergovernmental arrangements, such as the Committee on World Food Security (CFS);
 - g) requested that FAO strengthen its support for the implementation of the United Nations (UN) Decade of Family Farming, recognizing the centrality of family farming for global food security and the achievement of the SDGs;
 - h) requested FAO to report on all FAO strategies, including on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, measures taken towards mainstreaming country-wise anticipatory actions, and the Vision and Strategy for FAO's Work in Nutrition, in line with commitments and in future Programme Implementation Reports (PIRs);
 - i) requested FAO to report on the efforts made towards securing higher flexible voluntary contributions, including capacity building of key staff engaged in resource mobilization negotiations with resource partners;
 - j) requested FAO to introduce baselines and milestones for indicators in the results framework, including evaluation of outcomes, drawing on good practices established in other UN agencies, to be discussed with Members in the next PWB 2026-27, and reported on in future PIRs;
 - k) stressed the importance of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and of maintaining a balanced approach in the work carried out under the Programme Priority Areas, and ensuring adequate Regular Programme funding within the next PWB, and requested FAO to update Members on the distribution of TCP resources;
 - l) requested FAO to report back on its efforts in reducing the high vacancy rate and lengthy selection process, as well as ensuring equitable geographic representation and gender balance at all levels of the Organization; and
 - m) requested Management to keep Members apprised of discussions on the balance between extrabudgetary resources and assessed contributions, and its implications for the governance and operations of the Organization.
9. The Council endorsed the Programme Implementation Report 2022-23 and recommended that it be submitted to the 44th Session of the FAO Conference for its approval.

Global food security challenges and drivers⁶

10. The Council appreciated the information presented in document CL 175/4, *Global food security challenges and its drivers*, and in particular:
- a) expressed concern over the rising trends in food insecurity at the global, regional and national levels, underlined the rising numbers of acute food insecure people, as reported in the latest edition of the Global Report on Food Crisis, and highlighted the need to make more and immediate progress on the achievement of the SDGs, particularly SDG 2 (Zero Hunger);
 - b) noted the update on the food security situation in Sudan provided by the Chief Economist, and requested FAO to provide, within its mandate, relevant and urgent support to Sudan, especially in the agriculture sector, to address the severe food insecurity;
 - c) expressed gravest concern for the catastrophic humanitarian and food insecurity situation in Sudan, South Sudan, Haiti, the Sahel Region and other conflict areas,

⁶ CL 175/4; CL 175/PV/6; CL 175/PV/7; CL 175/PV/8; CL 175/PV/9

- and requested FAO Management to include in future reports to Council more information on its emergency agriculture interventions in crises settings;
- d) requested that FAO, jointly with the three United Nations agencies based in Rome, and within their respective mandates, design and implement an integrated programme to address the situation in Haiti with a short- and medium-term vision oriented towards strengthening local food production, and improve the development of value chains and generate public policies and institutions that allow a long-term vision for agriculture and rural communities in Haiti;
 - e) encouraged FAO to begin the process of appointing its representative in Haiti as soon as possible, and to support the Country Office with the budget and personnel essential to face the challenges there in terms of food security and nutrition;
 - f) requested FAO to present, on a regular basis, a report on the actions implemented and the progress achieved in Haiti, and that this issue be included in the subsequent agendas of the Council and the relevant Committees;
 - g) stressed the urgent need for Members and the international community to join forces, boost investments in agrifood systems, while underscoring the importance of anticipatory action, resilience-building and upscale action in addressing the primary drivers of global trends in chronic and acute food insecurity, leveraging the CFS for inclusive action;
 - h) emphasized the need for continued urgent humanitarian assistance in the wider context of the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, through the scaling up of emergency, food and agricultural interventions alongside longer-term investments in resilience-building;
 - i) expressed appreciation for FAO's work on commodity market monitoring and assessment and its contribution to enhancing market transparency, and emphasized the importance of timely and objective data and information, particularly in view of the growing number of risks and threats to global food security, among others through the Agricultural Market Information System;
 - j) underlined the importance of keeping open the trade of food and agriculture inputs and products in order to avoid the negative impact on global food security, while also preventing trade distortions and unjustified trade barriers in this respect; and
 - k) requested FAO Management to monitor the impact of economic, financial and trade measures on food security and nutrition during the global food crisis, recalling the Report under Agenda Item 4 of the 174th Session of the Council, and the 2030 Agenda, and keep Members posted in this regard through regular briefings, consultations and reporting within the FAO Governing Bodies.⁷

The situation in Gaza related to food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)⁸

11. The Council:

- a) recalled the Report under Agenda Item 5 of its 174th Session, and welcomed the comprehensive review and assessment presented in document CL 175/4, *Global food security challenges and its drivers*;
- b) recalled the report published by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification – Global Initiative which indicates that the entire population in the Gaza Strip (2.23 million) is facing high levels of acute food insecurity, and half of the

⁷ The United States of America disassociated itself from this paragraph.

⁸ CL 175/4; CL 175/PV/6; CL 175/PV/9

- population of Gaza (1.11 million) is expected to face catastrophic conditions (IPC Phase 5);
- c) expressed again gravest concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and its vast consequences against the civilian population, with particular reference to the disproportionate impact on women and children;
 - d) emphasized the importance of preventing further destabilization and escalation of conflict in the region which will hamper the progressive realization of food security and nutrition for all;
 - e) took note with concern of the UNOSAT Gaza Strip Agricultural Damage Assessment April 2024, which stated that an estimated 81 km² of agricultural land in the Gaza Strip has been damaged and that there has been a 33 percent increase in the proportion of agricultural land that has been damaged since the previous analysis conducted in January 2024;
 - f) recognized that the ongoing conflict and access limitations in Gaza are the main drivers of high levels of destruction and deterioration of the agriculture sector (as a source of local food production) and acute food insecurity in the Gaza Strip for 2.2 million inhabitants, representing the whole population in the Gaza Strip;
 - g) noted that the significantly restricted humanitarian space has limited the flow and distribution of humanitarian aid and goods into the Gaza Strip, and that the risk of famine will increase for each day that the current conflict and restricted humanitarian aid persist;
 - h) expressed grave concern about rising levels of violence in the West Bank, including settler violence, as well as denied access to agricultural land, controlling borders, land confiscation, destruction of agricultural assets, and controlling water resources, which hinder the ability to enhance food security for the Palestinians;
 - i) reiterated the urgent need for full, rapid, safe, and unhindered access of essential goods and services to civilians throughout the Gaza Strip, including but not limited to water and food, and further encouraged the establishment of humanitarian corridors and other initiatives to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to civilians, and welcomed efforts in this regard, including to open all avenues for humanitarian assistance;
 - j) stressed that internal displacement of the civilian population, including children and elderly people, in particular due to armed conflict, exacerbates food insecurity at the national, regional, and international levels;
 - k) expressed strong support for all regional and international efforts, including the US-led initiative, announced on 31 May, as well as the mediation efforts exerted by Egypt, Qatar, and the United States of America, to enable an immediate ceasefire, the release of all hostages, a surge in humanitarian assistance, and the restoration of basic services, which would help alleviate the food security situation in Gaza;
 - l) welcomed the “Food for Gaza” Initiative, led by the Government of Italy together with FAO, the World Food Programme (WFP), and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), which aims at facilitating access to food aid, alleviating the suffering of the population and ensuring food security in the Gaza Strip;
 - m) emphasized the importance of unhindered and safe access to humanitarian aid through border crossings, as well as safe passage for UN personnel, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and all humanitarian agencies in conflict areas, particularly in the Gaza Strip;

- n) recalled the FAO Voluntary Guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and its relevant application, particularly in the Gaza Strip, and stressed the importance of safe access for farmers in the West Bank to their farms and vital agricultural resources;
- o) recalled the CFS Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (CFS-FFA) and its relevant application, including in the context of the humanitarian-peace-development (HDP) nexus, food security impacts of armed conflicts, emergency response, recovery assistance, and resilience-building, as well as food systems rebuilding in the Gaza Strip;
- p) supported the 2023 humanitarian appeal which reiterated FAO's request for USD 1.9 billion to help almost 50 million people, including Palestinian people, to gain access to a steady supply of nutritious food, facilitate their recovery, and lay the foundations for resilience to future shocks;
- q) welcomed the *FAO Palestine: Humanitarian Response Plan 2023* to ensure a needs-based, coordinated and effective response in the Occupied Palestinian Territory in collaboration with the WFP, local and international partners, and requested FAO to keep Members informed in this regard through regular briefings, consultations, and reporting to the FAO Governing Bodies;
- r) called upon FAO, within its mandate, to:
- i. continue its assessment of the ongoing situation in Gaza and its impact on the right to food;
 - ii. continue the provision of technical assistance and agricultural inputs in Gaza;
 - iii. work collectively with the international community to address the deterioration of health, nutrition and food security in Gaza;
 - iv. utilize international instruments and voluntary guidelines to ensure the right to adequate food and support to affected populations in Gaza; and
 - v. continue to prepare for and support, when political solutions have been found and in coordination with the international community, early recovery, reconstruction, and rehabilitation in Gaza, including by supporting the role of the UN Senior Humanitarian Coordinator for Gaza;
- s) requested FAO to keep Members notified in this regard through regular briefings, consultations, and reporting to FAO Governing Bodies; and
- t) decided to remain seized of the matter and to add this item to the agenda of the next Session of the FAO Council.

The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)⁹

12. The Council:^{10,11,12,13,14}

- a) expressed again gravest concern about the impact of the Russian Federation's war in Ukraine on the civilian population and increased food insecurity at the global, regional, and national levels;
- b) welcomed the resumption of Ukrainian agricultural exports via the Black Sea, stressing the need to allow unimpeded exports from Ukraine as well as the full resumption of Ukrainian agricultural production;
- c) welcomed the "Grain from Ukraine" humanitarian initiative carried out in partnership with the WFP under which more than 200 000 tons of Ukrainian agricultural products have already been delivered to Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Yemen and Sudan;
- d) appreciated FAO's activity in Ukraine and requested FAO to continue its work in support of Ukraine and its government, which aims at restoring food security and livelihoods for local communities, restoring critical agricultural production and value chains, including through demining agricultural land, and enhancing coordination and technical support to the functioning of critical food system services;
- e) welcomed FAO's response to mitigate and monitor the impact of the war in Ukraine on food security globally and in Ukraine, and requested FAO to continue to assess the damage to Ukrainian agriculture and food sector within its internationally recognized borders, as well as the reconstruction and rehabilitation costs of Ukrainian agriculture due to loss and damage resulting from the armed aggression, in coordination with the work of the World Bank and other UN Agencies;
- f) called upon FAO, within its mandate, to:
 - i. continue to closely monitor the implications on world food security and agriculture, including through the regular, comprehensive data analysis on the effects of the war on food systems;
 - ii. develop immediate, medium-term, and longer-term plans to address the impacts of the war on global food security, including emergency response, recovery assistance, and resilience-building in food systems;
 - iii. prepare to support in rebuilding agriculture, agrilogistics, agrifood systems, trade, and markets in affected areas in cooperation with other UN and relevant organizations;

⁹ CL 175/4; CL 175/PV/7; CL 175/PV/9

¹⁰ The Council rejected by nominal vote "Item 6 – Amendment 1 proposal of Belarus" with total votes cast: 22; votes for: 2; votes against: 20; abstentions: 16.

¹¹ The Council rejected by nominal vote "Item 6 – Amendment 2 proposal of Belarus" with total votes cast: 22; votes for: 3; votes against: 19; abstentions: 17.

¹² The Council rejected by nominal vote "Item 6 – Amendment 3 proposal of Belarus" with total votes cast: 22; votes for: 3; votes against: 19; abstentions: 17.

¹³ The Council adopted by nominal vote "Item 6 – Proposal circulated by the ICC" with total votes cast: 29; votes for: 27; votes against: 2; abstentions: 11.

¹⁴ Argentina, Brazil, Egypt and Italy issued explanations of position which can be consulted in the Verbatim Records of the Session.

- iv. support technical assistance and investment projects, including those implemented by international financial institutions as and when appropriate; and
- v. co-operate with the Register of Damage for Ukraine, notably by providing information on the damages caused to the Ukrainian agricultural sector;
- g) requested FAO to report regularly to Members, including through FAO Governing Bodies, on actions taken with respect to the above; and
- h) decided to remain seized of the matter and to add this item to the agenda of the next session of the FAO Council.

Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative¹⁵

13. The Council welcomed document CL 175/INF/6, *Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative*, and in particular:

- a) noted the increase in the number of countries joining the Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative to 68 Members by April 2024 from the total target of 71, including an improved regional balance;
- b) recognized the important opportunities afforded by the Hand-in-Hand Initiative Investment Forum 2023 to Members and ongoing efforts in organizing National HIH Investment Fora, strengthening engagement and investments at national level;
- c) commended the progress achieved and the positive impact being catalysed by the HIH Initiative at country level, in support of national priorities;
- d) appreciated the ongoing, improved flow of information and progress through the HIH dashboard, the updated website and communication with Members; and
- e) supported the provision of additional technical resources and voluntary contributions for developing and taking investments forward in collaboration with an increasing range of partners due to the increased demand from Members.

Reports of the Regional Conferences¹⁶

14. The Council reviewed the Reports of the five Regional Conferences,¹⁷ as well as the informal Regional Conference for North America, held between January and May 2024, noting that FAO Country Office Network had been reviewed as a separate item.

15. The Council:

- a) emphasized the importance of the Regional Conferences as a key opportunity for Members in the regions to come together to discuss regional priorities, needs and to share experiences and good practices on agrifood systems transformation, including any special issues of interest to the Members in the regions, and to strengthen ministerial engagement;
- b) noted the numerous synergies across the Regional Conferences on the issues discussed towards agrifood systems transformation, and requested FAO to include shared priorities across the Regional Conferences in planning for the next PWB; and
- c) commended FAO's ongoing efforts in seeking to foster greater efficiency and effectiveness in the Regional Conferences, underscored the need to continue considering the circumstances of the different regions, and requested Management

¹⁵ CL 175/INF/6; CL 175/PV/7; CL 175/PV/9

¹⁶ C 2025/14; C 2025/15; C 2025/16; C 2025/17; C 2025/18; C 2025/LIM/1; CL 175/PV/2; CL 175/PV/9

¹⁷ Belarus disassociated itself from the Report of the 34th Session of the Regional Conference for Europe.

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.

16. The Council endorsed the recommendations on programme and budgetary matters, taking into account that those recommendations specific to regions will be implemented within the region concerned.

Reports of the Committees of the Council

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, May 2024)¹⁸

17. The Council reviewed the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee, and noted that the Programme Implementation Report 2022-23 and FAO Country Office Network had been reviewed as separate items.

Report of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 20-24 May 2024)¹⁹

18. The Council reviewed the Report of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee, noting that the Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System: *Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (JIU/REP/2023/5)*, and Management Response had been reviewed as a separate item, and endorsed its conclusions on:

- a) the Preparation for the Medium Term Plan 2026-29 – Regional Priorities;
- b) the Evaluation of PPA BN4 – Reduction of Food Loss and Waste and Management Response;
- c) the Update on the Evaluation of FAO’s evaluation function;
- d) the Evaluation of FAO’s Cash and Voucher Assistance and Management Response;
- e) the Follow-up report on the Evaluation of FAO’s contribution to availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (SDG 6);
- f) the Follow-up report on Joint evaluation of collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies;
- g) the Update on the Science, Technology and Innovation Platform;
- h) the Update on the global civil society organizations (CSOs) dialogue and other mechanisms of engagement; and
- i) the Implications for the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, and its draft Action Plan 2024-27, stemming from the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and related developments, and place this in the frame of an effective food systems approach.

19. The Council noted the Committee’s considerations on:

- a) Achieving SDG 2 without breaching the 1.5 °C threshold: A global roadmap, Part 1 – How agrifood systems transformation through accelerated climate actions will help achieving food security and nutrition, today and tomorrow, and requested FAO to take into consideration that no one solution fits all; and
- b) the Implementation of the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy, including its Action Plan 2022-2025.

¹⁸ CL 175/9; CL 175/PV/3; CL 175/PV/9

¹⁹ CL 175/10; CL 175/PV/3; CL 175/PV/9

20. The Council requested that FAO continue to take an agrifood systems approach, aligned to its core mandate of reducing food insecurity, to all its work, including in the planning for the Medium Term Plan (MTP) 2026-29, and in future iterations of the PIR, and requested FAO to provide updates on the efficacy of this approach at future meetings of the Council and other Governing Bodies.

Reports of the 199th (Rome, 20-24 May 2024) and 200th (Rome, 29-31 May 2024) Sessions of the Finance Committee²⁰

21. The Council reviewed the Reports of the 199th (Rome, 20-24 May 2024) and 200th (Rome, 29-31 May 2024) Sessions of the Finance Committee, except for the Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System: *Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations* (JIU/REP/2023/5), and Management Response, which had been reviewed as a separate agenda item, and:

- a) endorsed the conclusions of the Finance Committee on:
 - i. the Financial Position of the Organization;
 - ii. the Annual Report on Budgetary Performance and Programme and Budgetary Transfers in the 2022-23 Biennium;
 - iii. Recommendation 7 of the JIU Report *Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1); and
 - iv. the Appointment of the External Auditor for the period 2026-31.
- b) The Council also noted the Finance Committee's considerations on:
 - i. the Report on Investments 2023;
 - ii. the 2023 Actuarial Valuation of Staff Related Liabilities;
 - iii. the Human Resources Annual Report 2023;
 - iv. the FAO Oversight Advisory Committee – 2023 Annual Report;
 - v. the 2023 Annual Report of the Inspector General;
 - vi. the 2023 Annual Report of the Ethics Office;
 - vii. progress to develop a robust business plan and road map for efficiency gains and savings initiatives; and
 - viii. progress of the in-depth analysis relating to the balance between voluntary and assessed contributions.

Report of the 120th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 25-27 March 2024)²¹

22. The Council considered the Report of the 120th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters.

23. The Council:

- a) endorsed the specific change of the name of the FAO-OEA/CIE-IICA Working Group on Agricultural and Livestock Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean to “Latin American and the Caribbean Commission for Agricultural Statistics (LACCAS)”, and adopted Council Resolution 1/175 changing the name of the Working Group and promulgating its Statutes, as set out in Appendix C;

²⁰ CL 175/11; CL 175/15; CL 175/LIM/2; CL 175/PV/3; CL 175/PV/9

²¹ CL 175/12; CL 175/PV/4; CL 175/PV/9

- b) endorsed the considerations of the Committee on:
 - i. the dissemination of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed by FAO, and requested FAO to accelerate its work towards the dissemination of MoUs signed with other parties; and
 - ii. the status of Recommendation 7 presented in the JIU Report *Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1); and
- c) noted the Committee's considerations on:
 - i. the closure of the review of the jurisdictional set-up of the United Nations Common System; and
 - ii. the proposal to organize the first Treaty Ceremony as a side event at the next session of the Conference.

Governance Matters

FAO Country Office Network²²

24. The Council:
- a) welcomed the Reports of the Regional Conferences on the way forward for the FAO Country Office Network, and concurred with the conclusions of the Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee;
 - b) expressed support for the principles outlined, and welcomed the focus on improving efficiency, effectiveness, agility and flexibility at the country level, so that the core mandate is implemented;
 - c) emphasized the importance of fostering programmatic actions at the country level, taking into consideration regional and national specificities and expertise, and in line with the FAO Strategic Framework 2022-31;
 - d) encouraged Management to take into account relevant findings and recommendations relating to Decentralized Offices in developing its strategy for improvements to the Country Office Network in close consultation with Member Nations;
 - e) supported budget neutrality in implementing Country Office adjustments, while preserving technical capacity at Headquarters, Regional and Subregional Offices;
 - f) requested Management to give an update on the review of the Decentralized Offices Network of FAO, taking into account the process of repositioning of the United Nations Development System;
 - g) requested Management to proceed with inclusive, transparent and iterative consultations with Member Nations, in particular host countries, which lead to the formulation and application of clear criteria for modernization, restructuring and establishment of Decentralized Offices; and
 - h) requested Management to provide updates with urgency at future Council Sessions, and looked forward to further discussions on this important matter.

²² CL 175/13; CL 175/13 Sup.1; CL 175/PV/4; CL 175/PV/9

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System: *Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (JIU/REP/2023/5)*, and Management response²³

25. The Council:

- a) welcomed and appreciated the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) *Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (JIU/REP/2023/5)* which provided a constructive overview of the state of management and administration in FAO, and appreciated the Management Response and Reflections;
- b) endorsed the recommendations, pertaining to the JIU Report, of the 199th Session of the Finance Committee and of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee;
- c) welcomed Management's response to the four formal recommendations addressed to Management (recommendations 1, 2, 6 and 9), and looked forward to their implementation to the extent accepted, and within the timeframes suggested;
- d) welcomed Management's reflections on the six formal recommendations addressed to the Council (recommendations 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10) to support Council when determining whether to accept each such recommendation, and if so, how and when to implement it;
- e) regarding recommendation 3, agreed with the principle that the functions, responsibilities and operating procedures of Regional, Subregional and Country Offices need to be well defined and updated, and looked forward to a pragmatic and suitable solution for its implementation to be further discussed in informal consultations with all Members;
- f) regarding recommendations 4 and 5, requested Management to provide the proposed additional details in the next PWB to support enhanced discussion and decision-making, while underscoring the importance of continuing to anchor the PWB in results-based management principles;
- g) regarding recommendation 7, noted that funding of past after-service medical liabilities under After Service Medical Coverage requires a UN System-wide solution, and requested Management to continue to engage within relevant UN System mechanisms in this regard, and to keep Members updated regularly through the Finance Committee accordingly;
- h) supported Management to address recommendation 8, and requested Management to undertake specific measures to reduce vacancy rates and expedite recruitment processes, and looked forward to updates being provided in this regard at the next regular session of the Finance Committee;
- i) agreed with recommendation 9, and requested Management to develop an action plan indicating the roles and responsibilities in the design, implementation and monitoring of these processes, to be presented to the Council, through the Finance and Programme Committees, by the end of 2025;
- j) reviewed recommendation 10, with regard to the need to review the Charter of the Office of Evaluation and the Charter of the Office of the Inspector General, with a view to confirming that these Charters are aligned with the UN System best practices, requested further informal consultations, as well as reflections within the competent Governing Bodies, and requested Management to give a first update at the 177th Session of the Council;
- k) requested all relevant JIU recommendations, both formal and informal, be discussed in further informal consultations and future sessions of the Council Committees, as relevant, and further requested that Management give their views, support and advice in this regard, in order to provide guidance to the Council on addressing those recommendations;

²³ CL 175/14; CL 175/14 Sup.1; CL 175/PV/4; CL 175/PV/5; CL 175/PV/9

- l) requested Management, taking into account the outcomes of the consultations with the Independent Chairperson of the Council (ICC), to develop and present at the next Session of the Council a draft action plan that is a living document for the implementation of all JIU recommendations, both formal and informal, to the extent accepted, and to keep Members updated on the status of progress on implementation of the recommendations, both formal and informal;
- m) requested an update on the implementation of recommendations at its next regular Session; and
- n) requested the ICC to hold informal consultations with Members, with a view to submitting consensual proposals to the 176th Session of the Council with respect to the recommendations addressed to it.

Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 174th Session of the Council (Rome, 4-8 December 2023)²⁴

26. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 174th Session, and looked forward to FAO's actions to enhance reporting on previous Council's decisions.

Other Matters

Representation of the Southwest Pacific Regional Group on the FAO Council²⁵

27. The Council:

- a) noted the proposal from Australia on behalf of the Southwest Pacific (SWP) Regional Group to increase the number of seats in the Council for Members from the SWP by one, taking the overall number of seats to 50, within the overall composition of the Council, taking into consideration the importance of the representation of developing countries in that region;
- b) recalled Articles V and XX of the Basic Texts, and requested the preparation of a paper from Management containing background, historical information and criteria, including the options explored in the past on the expansion or alteration of the composition of Council, rationale and outcomes of previous processes that have holistically examined the issues of changing Council Membership to inform the preparation of a road map on informal consultations on this matter to be undertaken by the ICC, and potential future consideration by Council; and
- c) noted that Delegates' interventions can be found in the Verbatim Records.

Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO²⁶

28. The Council took note of the briefing notes on the following topics for information only:

- a) Biennial UN Global Indigenous Youth Forum;
- b) Scaling up digital solutions for the sustainable transformation of agrifood systems, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Public Goods (DPG);
- c) Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition and latest developments on FAO's engagement with the IAEG-SDG regarding the SDG indicators under FAO custodianship; and

²⁴ CL 175/LIM/3; CL 175/PV/7; CL 175/PV/9

²⁵ CL 175/PV/5; CL 175/PV/7; CL 175/PV/8; CL 175/PV/9

²⁶ CL 175/INF/4; CL 175/INF/4 WAs 1-4; CL 175/PV/7; CL 175/PV/9

- d) Update on the 28th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and outcomes of the Sixtieth Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

29. The Council requested information on the challenges FAO is facing in implementing AI, and how it is handling data and procurement practices related to AI and Information Systems.

Calendar of FAO, IFAD and WFP Governing Bodies 2024-2025²⁷

30. The Council took note of the Provisional Calendar of FAO, IFAD and WFP Governing Bodies for 2024-2025, as reproduced in Appendix D to this Report.

Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee²⁸

31. The Council appointed H.E. Armando Alberto Benedetti Villaneda, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Colombia to the UN Agencies in Rome, to replace and complete the term of Mr Guillermo Valentín Rodolico, former Deputy Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to FAO, IFAD and WFP, as Member Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of his term (from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026).

32. The Council further appointed Ms Eleni Papasolomontos, Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to FAO, to replace and complete the term of Mr Marios Georgiades, former Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to FAO, as Alternate Member Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of his term (from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024).

Appointment of one Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee²⁹

33. The Council appointed Mr Purna Cita Nugraha, Counsellor, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to FAO, IFAD and WFP, as Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee, for the term of two years, to take effect immediately.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies³⁰

34. Ms Florence Tartanac, President of the AP-in-FAO, made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

²⁷ CL 175/LIM/1; CL 175/PV/7; CL 175/PV/9

²⁸ CL 175/LIM/4; CL 175/PV/8; CL 175/PV/9

²⁹ CL 175/LIM/5; CL 175/PV/8; CL 175/PV/9

³⁰ CL 175/PV/8; CL 175/PV/9

Appendix A

Agenda for the 175th Session of the Council

Procedure of the Session

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

Programmatic Matters

3. Programme Implementation Report 2022-23
4. Global food security challenges and drivers
5. The situation in Gaza related to food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
6. The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
7. Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative

Reports of the Regional Conferences

8. Regional Conferences
 - 8.1 Report of the 33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (Rabat, Morocco, Senior Officers Meeting 26-28 March 2024 and Ministerial Session 18-20 April 2024)
 - 8.2 Report of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Colombo, Sri Lanka, Senior Officers Meeting 31 January - 2 February 2024 and Ministerial Session 19-22 February 2024)
 - 8.3 Report of the 34th Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Rome, Italy, 14-17 May 2024)
 - 8.4 Report of the 38th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Georgetown, Guyana, Senior Officers Meeting 11-13 March 2024 and Ministerial Session 18-21 March 2024)
 - 8.5 Report of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Amman, Jordan, Senior Officers Meeting 5-8 February 2024 and Ministerial Session 4-5 March 2024)
 - 8.6 Report of the Eighth Informal Regional Conference for North America (Ottawa, Canada, 9-10 April 2024)

Reports of the Committees of the Council

9. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, May 2024)
10. Report of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 20-24 May 2024)
11. Reports of the 199th (Rome, 20-24 May 2024) and 200th (Rome, 29-31 May 2024) Sessions of the Finance Committee
 - 11.1 Status of current assessments and arrears
12. Report of the 120th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 25-27 March 2024)

Governance Matters

13. FAO Country Office Network
14. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System: *Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations* (JIU/REP/2023/5), and Management response
15. Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 174th Session of the Council (Rome, 4-8 December 2023)

Other Matters

16. Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO
17. Calendar of FAO, IFAD and WFP Governing Bodies 2024-2025
18. Any other matters
 - 18.1 Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee
 - 18.2 Appointment of one Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee
 - 18.3 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies
19. Representation of the Southwest Pacific Regional Group on the FAO Council

Appendix B

List of Documents

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CL 175/4	Global food security challenges and drivers
CL 175/9	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee and 199th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 20 and 24 May 2024)
CL 175/10	Report of the 138th Session of the Programme Committee (Rome, 20-24 May 2024)
CL 175/11	Report of the 199th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 20-24 May 2024)
CL 175/12	Report of the 120th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (Rome, 25-27 March 2024)
CL 175/13	FAO Country Office Network – Current status and way forward
CL 175/13 Sup.1	FAO Country Office Network - Current status and way forward – Outcome of the Regional Conferences (February – May 2024)
CL 175/14	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System: <i>Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</i> (JIU/REP/2023/5)
CL 175/14 Sup.1	Report of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System: <i>Review of management and administration in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</i> (JIU/REP/2023/5) – Management response and reflections
CL 175/15	Report of the 200th Session of the Finance Committee (Rome, 29-31 May 2024)
C 2025 Series	
C 2025/8	Programme Implementation Report 2022-23
C 2025/8 WA 1	Organizational performance
C 2025/8 WA 2	Financial performance
C 2025/8 WA 3	Monitoring methodology
C 2025/8 WA 4	Progress on implementation of the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy in the 2022-23 biennium
C 2025/8 WA 5	Progress on implementation of the Action Plan of the FAO Strategy on Climate Action 2022-31 in the 2022-23 biennium
C 2025/8 WA 6	Value-Added Impact Areas

C 2025/8 WA 7	Progress on the FAO Gender Policy Minimum Standards and the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN SWAP 2.0)
C 2025/8 WA 8	Gender and geographical distribution
C 2025/8 WA 9	FAO language policy and multilingualism
C 2025/14	Report of the 33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Africa (Rabat, Morocco, Senior Officers Meeting 26-28 March 2024 and Ministerial Session 18-20 April 2024)
C 2025/15	Report of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Colombo, Sri Lanka, Senior Officers Meeting 31 January - 2 February 2024 and Ministerial Session 19-22 February 2024)
C 2025/16	Report of the 34th Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (Rome, Italy, 14-17 May 2024)
C 2025/17	Report of the 38th Session of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Georgetown, Guyana, Senior Officers Meeting 11-13 March 2024 and Ministerial Session 18-21 March 2024)
C 2025/18	Report of the 37th Session of the Regional Conference for the Near East (Amman, Jordan, Senior Officers Meeting 5-8 February 2024 and Ministerial Session 4-5 March 2024)
C 2025/LIM/1	Report of the Eighth Informal Regional Conference for North America (Ottawa, Canada, 9-10 April 2024)

CL 175 INF Series

CL 175/INF/1	Provisional Timetable
CL 175/INF/3	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 175/INF/4	Developments in fora of importance for the mandate of FAO
CL 175/INF/4 WA1	Biennial UN Global Indigenous Youth Forum
CL 175/INF/4 WA2	Scaling up digital solutions for the sustainable transformation of agrifood systems, including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Public Goods (DPG)
CL 175/INF/4 WA3	Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition and latest developments on FAO's engagement with the IAEG-SDG regarding the SDG indicators under FAO custodianship
CL 175/INF/4 WA4	Update on the 28th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and outcomes of the Sixtieth Session of the Intergovernmental
CL 175/INF/5	Methods of Work for the 175th Session of the Council

CL 175/INF/6 Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative

CL 175 LIM Series

CL 175/LIM/1 Calendar of FAO, IFAD and WFP Governing Bodies 2024-2025

CL 175/LIM/2 Status of Current Assessments and Arrears as at 3 June 2024

CL 175/LIM/3 Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 174th Session of the Council (Rome, 4-8 December 2023)

CL 175/LIM/4 Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

CL 175/LIM/5 Appointment of one Alternate Chairperson of the Appeals Committee

Other Documents

List of Delegates and Observers

CL 175 PV Series

CL 175/PV/1 to Verbatim Records of Plenary

CL 175/PV/9

CL 175/OD Series

CL 175/OD/1 to Orders of the Day

CL 175/OD/5

Appendix C

Resolution 1/175

Latin American and the Caribbean Commission for Agricultural Statistics (LACCAS)¹

THE COUNCIL,

Considering

That the FAO-OEA/CIE-IICA Working Group on Agricultural and Livestock Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean (hereinafter “the Working Group”) was originally established in 1958 as a joint initiative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter “FAO” or “the Organization”) and the Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI);²

That in 1994, IASI withdrew from the Working Group and was replaced by the Organization of American States (OEA) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in the framework of the Interamerican Conference for Statistics (CIE), as indicated in the Final Report of the 11th CIE and was henceforth known as the FAO-OEA/CIE-IICA Working Group on Agricultural and Livestock Statistics for Latin America and the Caribbean;

That the Working Group, during its Thirty-first Session held from 28 to 30 March 2023, recognized, *inter alia*, that “the name of this current body does not reflect its character” because “the term ‘working group’ does not correspond to the nature of a technical commission of FAO and implies a less formal and less important mechanism. In addition, it implies a defined operational timeline and specific technical products”;

The recommendation of the Working Group at its Thirty-first Session, that “[f]rom the next session in 2025, the group will be known as the Latin American and the Caribbean Commission for Agricultural Statistics (LACCAS). To achieve this objective, the group request that FAO begin the appropriate procedure to change the name”;

That in light of this request, on 21 November 2023, FAO consulted OEA/CIE and IICA to seek their non-objection to the change of the name of the Working Group and, considering that they provided their consent to such name change in writing on 30 November 2023 and 23 November 2023, respectively;

Hereby promulgates the following provisions of the Statutes of the Latin American and the Caribbean Commission for Agricultural Statistics (LACCAS).

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Latin American and the Caribbean Commission for Agricultural Statistics (hereinafter “the Commission”) shall be open to all Member Nations and Associate Members of FAO whose territories are situated wholly or partly in the region concerned as defined by the Organization or who are responsible for the international relations of any non-self-governing territories in that region. Membership shall comprise such eligible nations as have notified the Director-General of the Organization of their desire to be considered as Members.

¹ The term “agriculture” is used in a broad sense as reflected in the FAO Constitution, included but not limited to fisheries, marine products, forestry, primary forestry products and livestock.

² See United Nations, Economic and Social Council, [Informe de la Cuarta Reunión del Subcomité de Coordinación Estadística del Istmo Centroamericano](#), 24 May 1958.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

2. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be to review the state of food and agricultural statistics in the region and advise Member Nations on the development and standardization of agricultural statistics within the general framework of FAO's work in statistics, and to convene study groups or other subsidiary bodies of national experts required for this purpose. The terms of reference shall include in particular:
 - a. the formulation of the programme of work of the Commission in relation to the promotion and development of food and agricultural statistics including periodical agricultural censuses and food consumption surveys, and continuous surveys and controlled experiments for current information, trade in food and agricultural products and requisites;
 - b. the setting up of a scheme of priorities taking into consideration both the immediate requirements and the long-term development of agricultural statistics on a sound and permanent basis;
 - c. working out a minimum programme for current agricultural statistics;
 - d. the formulation of recommendations regarding measures to be adopted by Member Nations for:
 - i. the standardization of concepts, definitions and methodology of food and agricultural statistics,
 - ii. the coordination of food and agricultural statistics as to their coverage, accuracy, timeliness and comparability,
 - iii. planning short- and long-term training programmes in statistics at all levels,
 - iv. organizing research on statistical problems of common interest to countries in the region;
 - e. the formulation of recommendations regarding ways and means in which FAO could assist Member Nations in the development of food and agricultural statistics including such measures as the organization of training centres and seminars; the promotion of fellowships; the provision of technical assistance through experts and regional statistical advisers; the promotion of research in statistical problems under local conditions;
 - f. the consideration of problems referred to the Commission by the FAO Conference and Council and FAO Regional Conferences and the preparation of suitable reports including relevant recommendations;
 - g. the organization of technical discussions between national experts on specific statistical problems related to the programme of work of the Commission by convening working groups whose detailed terms of reference are to be worked out by the Commission;
 - h. the compilation of data from Member Nations in relation to the programme of work of the Commission and its working groups;
 - i. the preparation of a summary report to the Director-General of the Organization or presentation to the FAO Conference or Council incorporating the main recommendations of the Commission particularly those on policy, financial or programmatic matters which require FAO Conference or Council action.

OBSERVERS

3. Any Member Nation of the Organization and any Associate Member that is not a Member of the Commission but has a special interest in the work of the Commission, may, upon request communicated to the Director-General of the Organization, attend as observer, sessions of the Commission and of its subsidiary bodies and ad hoc meetings.
4. Nations which while not Member Nations or Associate Members of the Organization are Members of the United Nations, may, upon their request and with the approval of the FAO Council granted upon the recommendations of the Commission, be invited to attend in an observer capacity the sessions of the Commission, in accordance with the provisions relating to the granting of observer status to nations adopted by the FAO Conference.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

5. Participation of international organizations in the work of the Commission and the relations between the Commission and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization as well as by the rules on relations with international organizations adopted by the FAO Conference or Council.

SESSIONS

6. The Commission shall hold at least one session every two years. The sessions of the Commission shall be convened and the place where they are to be held shall be determined by the Director-General of the Organization after consultation with the competent authorities of the host country, taking into consideration the recommendation of the Commission on the subject. Sessions of the Commission may, as necessary and appropriate, be held in person, using electronic means such as videoconferencing, or in a hybrid format.

REPORTS

7. The Commission shall submit to the Director-General of the Organization reports on its activities and recommendations at such appropriate intervals as to enable the Director-General of the Organization to take them into consideration when preparing the draft Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization and other submissions to the Organization's Governing Bodies.
8. The Director-General of the Organization shall bring to the attention of the FAO Conference, through the FAO Council, any recommendations adopted by the Commission which have policy implications, or which affect the programme or finances of the Organization.
9. Copies of each report of the Commission will be circulated to Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization and international organizations for their information as soon as they become available.
10. Subject to the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, the Director-General of the Organization may request members of the Commission to supply the Commission with information on action taken on the basis of recommendations made by the Commission.

SUBSIDIARY BODIES

11. The Commission may establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the accomplishment of its task, subject to the availability of the necessary funds in the relevant chapter of the approved budget of the Organization: the determination of such availability shall be made by the Director-General of the Organization. Before taking any decision involving expenditure in connection with the establishment of subsidiary bodies, the Commission must have before it a report from the Director-General of the Organization on the administrative and financial implications thereof.

12. The terms of reference and reporting procedure of the subsidiary bodies shall be determined by the Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

13. The Secretary of the Commission shall be appointed by the Director-General of the Organization and shall be administratively responsible to the Director-General. The expenses of the Secretariat of the Commission shall be determined and paid by the Organization within the limits of the relevant appropriations in the approved budget of the Organization.
14. The financial operations of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies shall be governed by the appropriate provisions of the Financial Regulations of the Organization.
15. Expenses incurred by representatives of members of the Commission while attending sessions of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies, as well as the expenses of observers at sessions, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations.
16. Expenses of independent experts invited to attend in their individual capacity to provide technical support to the sessions of the Commission are to be borne by the Commission's budget.

LANGUAGES

17. English and Spanish shall be the working languages of the Commission.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

18. The Commission may adopt and amend its own Rules of Procedure which shall be in conformity with the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization and with the Principles governing commissions and committees adopted by the FAO Conference. The Rules of Procedure and amendments hereto shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General of the Organization.

Appendix D

Calendar of FAO, IFAD and WFP Governing Bodies 2024-2025

	2024		2025	
JANUARY	37 APRC (SOM)	31/1-2/2		
FEBRUARY	37 NERC (SOM) IFAD/GC 37 APRC (MM) WFP/EB	5-8 14-15 19-22 26-28	IFAD/GC WFP/EB	12-13 17-21
MARCH	37 NERC (MM) 38 LARC (SOM) 38 LARC (MM) 120 CCLM 33 ARC (SOM)	4-5 11-13 18-21 25-27 26-28	122 CCLM 203 FC 140 PC 20 CGRFA	3-5 10-14 10-14 24-28
APRIL	8 INARC 33 ARC (MM) IFAD/EB	9-10 18-20 24	177 CL	7-11
MAY	34 ERC 199 FC 138 PC 200 FC (WFP)	14-17 20-24 20-24 29-31	IFAD/EB 204 FC (WFP)	7-9 12-14
JUNE	175 CL WFP/EB	10-14 24-28	WFP/EB 44 C	23-27 28/6-4/7
JULY	36 COFI 27 COFO	8-12 22-26	178 CL	7
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	76 CCP IFAD/EB 29 COAG	11-13 17-19 30/9-4/10	IFAD/EB 123 CCLM	16-18 22-24
OCTOBER	WFF WFD 52 CFS 121 CCLM	14-18 16 21-25 28-30	WFF WFD 53 CFS 205 FC (WFP)	13-17 16 20-24 27-28
NOVEMBER	201 FC (WFP) 202 FC 139 PC WFP/EB 47 CODEX (Geneva)	4-5 11-15 11-15 18-22 25-30	206 FC 141 PC 48 CODEX WFP/EB	3-7 3-7 10-14 17-21
DECEMBER	176 CL IFAD/EB	2-6 10-12	179 CL IFAD/EB	1-5 9-11

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	FC	Finance Committee
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
C	Conference	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	MM	Ministerial Meeting
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CL	Council	PC	Programme Committee
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	SOM	Senior Officers Meeting
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFF	World Food Forum
COFO	Committee on Forestry	WFP/EB	World Food Programme Executive Board
ERC	Regional Conference for Europe		

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WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2024

Bangladesh (B)¹
Kuwait (B)²
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (D)
Peru (C)
Senegal (A)
United States of America (D)

Finland (D)⁸
Ghana (A)
India (B)
Republic of Korea (B)
Russian Federation (E)
Sweden (D)

31 December 2025

Brazil (C)
Canada (D)
Gabon (A)³
Germany (D)
Kenya (A)
Saudi Arabia (B)

Algeria (A)⁹
Australia (D)
Ethiopia (A)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Panama (C)
Spain (D)

31 December 2026

Argentina (C)⁴
Hungary (E)
Ireland (D)
Morocco (A)^{5,6}
Switzerland (D)
Zimbabwe (A)^{5,7}

China (B)
Dominican Republic (C)
Japan (D)
Poland (E)
United Kingdom (D)
Zambia (A)

¹ Bangladesh and Iran reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Bangladesh serving from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023 and Iran occupying the seat from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024. Following the ECOSOC election of Iran (1 January 2023 – 31 December 2025), List B reached the agreement that Bangladesh takes over from the Islamic Republic of Iran for the FAO Council-elected seat from 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024.

² Iran and Kuwait reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Iran serving from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and Kuwait occupying the seat from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.

³ Gabon and Chad reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Gabon serving from 1 January 2023 until 30 June 2024 and Chad occupying the seat from 1 July 2024 until 31 December 2025.

⁴ Argentina, Mexico and Chile reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Argentina occupying the seat in 2024, Mexico in 2025 and Chile in 2026.

⁵ One seat of list A (2024-2026) is occupied in accordance with the rotating seat rule, which can be found here: <https://executiveboard.wfp.org/state-members-and-distribution-seats>.

⁶ Morocco and Egypt reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Morocco serving from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024, and Egypt occupying the seat from 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2026.

⁷ Zimbabwe and Gabon reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Zimbabwe serving from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024, and Gabon occupying the seat from 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2026.

⁸ Finland was elected to complete the unexpired term of office of France on the Executive Board from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

⁹ At its 4th plenary meeting on 5 December 2023, the Economic and Social Council elected Algeria, by acclamation, to complete the term of office of Mauritania beginning on 1 January 2024 and expiring on 31 December 2025.

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194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

Afghanistan	Gambia	Palau
Albania	Georgia	Panama
Algeria	Germany	Papua New Guinea
Andorra	Ghana	Paraguay
Angola	Greece	Peru
Antigua and Barbuda	Grenada	Philippines
Argentina	Guatemala	Poland
Armenia	Guinea	Portugal
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Qatar
Austria	Guyana	Republic of Korea
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Republic of Moldova
Bahamas	Honduras	Romania
Bahrain	Hungary	Russian Federation
Bangladesh	Iceland	Rwanda
Barbados	India	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Belarus	Indonesia	Saint Lucia
Belgium	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Iraq	Samoa
Benin	Ireland	San Marino
Bhutan	Israel	Sao Tome and Principe
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jamaica	Senegal
Botswana	Japan	Serbia
Brazil	Jordan	Seychelles
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Bulgaria	Kenya	Singapore
Burkina Faso	Kiribati	Slovakia
Burundi	Kuwait	Slovenia
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Somalia
Cameroon	Latvia	South Africa
Canada	Lebanon	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Spain
Chad	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Chile	Libya	Sudan
China	Lithuania	Suriname
Colombia	Luxembourg	Sweden
Comoros	Madagascar	Switzerland
Congo	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Cook Islands	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Costa Rica	Maldives	Thailand
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Malta	Togo
Cuba	Marshall Islands	Tokelau
Cyprus	Mauritania	(Associate Member)
Czechia	Mauritius	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Micronesia	Tunisia
Denmark	(Federated States of)	Türkiye
Djibouti	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Montenegro	Uganda
Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Myanmar	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Nauru	United States of America
Estonia	Nepal	Uruguay
Eswatini	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	New Zealand	Vanuatu
European Union	Nicaragua	Venezuela
(Member Organization)	Niger	(Bolivarian Republic of)
Faroe Islands	Nigeria	Viet Nam
(Associate Member)	Niue	Yemen
Fiji	North Macedonia	Zambia
Finland	Norway	Zimbabwe
France	Oman	
Gabon	Pakistan	