



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

Fifty-first Session

"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

Rome, Italy, 23-27 October 2023

ELECTION OF THE CFS CHAIRPERSON

I. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CFS SECRETARY

1. The election of the CFS Chairperson will take place under Item XI.c of the Provisional Agenda of the 51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) scheduled from 23 to 27 October 2023 in Rome.
2. On 18 September 2023, in accordance with Rule II, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, a Member communicated to the Secretary of CFS the nomination of a candidate for the election of the CFS Chairperson. The nomination was subsequently withdrawn after the 30 calendar day deadline established in Rule II had expired.
3. On 13 October 2023, the CFS Bureau recommended at an extraordinary meeting that the Committee invoke Rule XII - Suspension of Rules - of the CFS Rules of Procedure to exceptionally waive the 30 calendar days requirement established in Rule II, paragraph 4, in order to allow nominations received no later than 7 days before the opening of the 51st Session of CFS to be considered valid for the election of the CFS Chairperson at this session.
4. A note from the CFS Chairperson summarizing this recommendation is available in Annex A.
5. On 11 October 2023, the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa communicated to the CFS Secretary the following nomination for the election of the CFS Chairperson:
 - *Ms Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile*, Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome of the Republic of South Africa

II. PRESENTATION LETTER AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF MS NOSIPHO NAUSCA-JEAN- JEZILE, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN AGENCIES IN ROME OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Please find below the presentation letter and the curriculum vitae of Ms Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile that were communicated on 11 October 2023 by the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa to the CFS Secretariat.

The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and has the honour to submit the candidature of H.E. Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa, for the position of Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the election to take place on the occasion of the 51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), scheduled from 23 to 27 October 2023 in Rome.

The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa encloses the Curriculum Vitae of H.E. Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile.

The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) the assurances of its highest consideration.



CURRICULUM VITAE

Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile

Born on 20 February 1966 in the Eastern Cape Province of the Republic of South Africa. Currently the Ambassador in Rome (Italy) and Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome of the Republic of South Africa, Chair of the African Regional Group (ARG), Member of the FAO Programme Committee and Alternate Member of the Bureau of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL POSITIONS

Chairperson Africa Regional Group in Rome 2023 -current

Alternative CFS Bureau Member current up to 27 October 2023

Member of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) in 2022

Member of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 2021-2023

Chairperson of the Directors-General Cluster for International Cooperation, Trade and Security 2020 in the Republic of South Africa

Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole at the UNCCD COP 13

Leader of the national delegation to various Conventions and Conferences of Parties (COPs),

Climate Change, Bioversity, Convention on Trade in endangered species CITES, UN Committee on Sustainable Development (CSD)

Member of the OECD Environmental Policy Committee 2019

Member of the Council Global Environmental Facility

Served in various governing boards of national entities: 2022 - National Bioversity Institute (formerly South African Botanical Institute), and the South African Tourism Board - 2005

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL REPORTING

Responsibility for Country Reports on implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in which South Africa is a Party (i.e., Chemicals-Basel Convention, Stockholm, UNFCCC-NAMAs, CBD and its protocols, UNCCD).

GEF country evaluation reports as a focal point.

PUBLICATIONS

NBSAP, UNCCD NAP, UNFCCC-NAP, National Adaptation Strategy, Ecosystem based Adaptation Strategy, Nationally Determined Contributions NDC first country version.

POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

National Environmental Management Laws and subsequent amendments up to 2020.

EMPLOYMENT

Former Director General for 12 years of the South African Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, subsequently Environmental Affairs and later Forestry, Fisheries and Environment.

Extensive Leadership experience in the public sector administration, policy development, innovation, and evidence-based program implementation.

Formative role in the implementation of Agenda 21, towards the Millennium Development Goals; initiated the domestication of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, hence under her stewardship South Africa adopted the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; inscribed a list of additional World Heritage Sites under UNESCO; concluded a deal for developing countries to combat desertification targeted at reversing land degradation to improve agricultural potential for global food security; enabled successful hosting of UNFCCC COP 17 in Durban, South Africa - a prelude to the Paris Conference of Parties, and South Africa's ratification of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science with majors in Biochemistry and Physiology from the University of the Western Cape, including a higher diploma in Education with distinction in physical science and geography from the same university.

Enrolled in various programmes with certification in management practice for total quality management, and organisational leadership at various institutions, including courses on negotiations, and Advanced Management Program (AMP188) at Harvard Business School in Boston.

Matriculated with senior certification for university qualification at Nyanga Senior Secondary School in 1984.

ANNEX A

Note from the Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Suspension of part of Rule II, paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the CFS

I. Introduction

1. Item XI. c) of the Provisional Agenda of the 51st Session of the Committee on World Food Security (“CFS” or the “Committee”), scheduled from 23 to 27 October 2023, foresees the election of a new Chairperson of the CFS.

2. Considering Rule II (“Bureau”), paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the CFS provides the following:

“The Chairperson shall be elected for a period of two years on a rotational basis among regions and on the basis of individual qualifications and experience relevant to the mandate of CFS. He or she shall not be eligible for election for two consecutive terms in the same office. His/her term of office shall expire at the end of the Committee meeting where the election of a new Chairperson is held.”

3. Considering further that Rule II, paragraph 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the CFS provides the following:

“Nominations of candidates for the election of the Chairperson shall be made by the government of a Member or by its delegate or representative and communicated to the CFS Secretary not later than 30 calendar days before the opening date of the session of the Committee at which the election of the Chairperson will take place. Any nomination reaching the CFS Secretary later shall not be considered as valid. Nominations shall include the name of the proposed candidate and details of his/her qualifications and experience. The Secretary shall, within 5 working days from the closing date of the nomination period, communicate to the Members the nominations received.”

4. Considering also that in accordance with Rule II, paragraph 4, a Member communicated to the CFS Secretary a nomination of a candidate for the election of the CFS Chairperson, which was subsequently withdrawn after the 30 calendar day deadline had expired.

5. Considering too that on 11 October 2023, another Member communicated to the CFS Secretary a nomination of a candidate for the election of the CFS Chairperson.

6. Taking into account that part of Rule II, paragraph 4 would need to be suspended to exceptionally waive the 30 calendar days requirement and set a shorter deadline for the nominations of candidates for the election of the CFS Chairperson at the 51st Session. In this context, Rule XII of the Rules of Procedure of the CFS provides as follows:

Rule XII - “Suspension of Rules” -

“The Committee may, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, decide to suspend any of the foregoing Rules of Procedure, provided that the action contemplated is consistent with the Constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the CFS Reform Document and that 24 hours’ notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given. Such notice may be waived if no Member objects.”

7. Following further consultations with the Bureau held on 13 October 2023, it is recommended that the CFS invoke Rule XII – Suspension of Rules - to exceptionally waive the 30 calendar days requirement established in Rule II, paragraph 4 to allow nominations received not later than 7 days

before the opening of the 51st Session of the CFS to be considered valid for the election of the new CFS Chairperson at this Session.

II. Action requested of the CFS

8. The CFS is invited to consider waiving Rule II, paragraph 4, as referred to in paragraph 7 of this document, and decide as appropriate.