

174th Session of the Council

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Item 21 – Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions 2023-2025

Member Name	Comments
Australia (Thursday, 16 November 2023 – 13.58)	<p>Australia appreciates visibility of the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions 2023-2025. We note that the back-to-back scheduling of meetings such as the World Food Forum and Committee on World Food Security presents challenges for Members' fulsome preparation, engagement and representation at both meetings.</p> <p>While recognising that the calendar CL174/LIM/1 refers to FAO Governing Bodies, we note that the many other conferences and events organised by FAO which accumulate throughout the year result in an exceedingly busy and heavy meeting load for Members.</p> <p>We would appreciate more advance notice of key events and conferences so as to coordinate attendance and representation between Capital, the Southwest Pacific region and Rome-based representatives.</p>