



CONFERENCE

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Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council

Executive Summary

At its 171st Session (December 2022), the Council decided that, in accordance with Rule XXIII.1(b) of the General Rules of the Organization, nominations for the office of Independent Chairperson of the Council should be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council by 12.00 hours on Tuesday 4 April 2023.

By the date prescribed one nomination had been received, that of Mr Hans Hoogeveen (the Kingdom of the Netherlands).

A copy of the *curriculum vitae* of the nominee and the transmittal communication are given in *Appendix A*.

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Appendix A**Kingdom of the Netherlands**

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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organisations for Food and Agriculture in Rome presents its compliments to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and has the honour to inform the latter as follows.

The Permanent Representation would like to draw the FAO's attention to the decision of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to nominate Dr Hans Hoogeveen as a candidate for election for a second term for the position of Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council for the July 2023 - July 2025 term. The election will be held during the 43rd session of the FAO Conference in July 2023.

Dr Hans Hoogeveen's profile is enclosed with this note. He is currently the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council for the term June 2021 – July 2023. Before, he served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organisations in Rome, where he also holds various related positions within the FAO network.

In the course of his career, dr Hans Hoogeveen has worked with FAO for more than 27 years. He has built an extensive international network in the areas of global food security and nutrition, development cooperation, natural resource management, climate change, food loss and waste, sustainable development and public-private partnerships. Besides being Chair of the FAO Programme Committee (4 years), he also chaired the Donors' Council of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, is co-founder and co-chair of the Champions 12.3 coalition (food losses), and has chaired many formal and informal consultations within FAO.

In this time of multiple crises and increasingly complex challenges, the Netherlands believes dr Hans Hoogeveen brings indispensable qualities for continuing in the position of Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council. As the Council is the crucial link between political decision-making and the Technical Committees. During his first term he showed excellent skills in chairing sessions of the Council and informal consultations. He is a chair who is strong in diplomacy, transparency, inclusive and consensus-building: someone who acts as a catalyst between leaders from government and all other stakeholders, bringing together North, South, East and West, large countries and small.

This nomination reflects the Kingdom of the Netherlands' strong, ongoing commitment to FAO. The Dutch government would like to help it develop into an even more dynamic, inclusive, transparent, efficient and flexible organisation, for example by strengthening scientific, evidence-based approaches.

The Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Organisations for Food and Agriculture avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Rome, 14 March 2023



To the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council
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Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

Hans Hoogeveen is elected Chairperson of the FAO Council for the term June 2021- July 2023. Before he was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN organizations in Rome. He is duly acknowledged to be a respected professional and an expert on the agriculture sector. With an unwavering focus on stimulating and promoting sustainable agriculture, food security and safety globally, he has served in numerous international roles. He was political advisor to the World Bank. He serves on several boards, including the Yale University Governance, Environment.

During his first term as Independent Chairperson of the Council he successfully chaired several sessions of the Council and several informal consultations, amongst others on the FAO Strategy for Climate Change, the FAO Science and Innovation Strategy and Code of Conduct for Voting.

He served as chair of the Seventh Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests Bureau, which under his leadership adopted an international instrument on forests deemed a landmark achievement by the UN Secretary-General after 15 years of stalled international negotiations. This noteworthy accomplishment within the forum earned Dr Hoogeveen a UN award. He is one of the founding members and a current co-chair of the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture and the Global Action Network for Oceans and Blue Growth. In addition, he is a founding member and current co-chair of Champions 12.3, an international coalition of eminent commissioners and CEOs of companies, international organizations and NGOs, focusing on a 50% worldwide reduction on food losses and waste by 2030.

With respect for rules and procedures, Dr Hoogeveen's priorities lie in professionalism and collegial, respectful intercultural collaboration. Throughout his career he has displayed excellent diplomatic skills in navigating tough negotiations with empathy and this is reflected in his personal approach and careful choice of words. Feedback from others reveals appreciation and praise for his relentless energy. Introducing novel ideas, stimulating creative proposals and finding compromises by focusing on solutions rather than problems are crucial elements of his approach. In his role as chair, he will take a neutral stance and rely on in-depth and extensive knowledge of a wide range of issues, including antibiotics, forestry and fisheries, acquired through 25 years' experience in his

fields of expertise. Having worked in nearly all of the "UN Capitals" (Rome, New York, Nairobi and Geneva), he has a broad, well-maintained and highly regarded international network. Among his many initiatives is a long list of international events. Furthermore, he has experience in a variety of UN bodies other than FAO.

In the context of FAO, he has served as chair of the Programme Committee, chair of the Committee II of the FAO Conference, chair of informal consultations on the 10 Elements of Agroecology, the Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity and private sector strategy, vice-chair of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe, and chair of the European Region. In the context of WFP, he has served as List D Convenor, member and chair of a sub-working group of the joint Board/Management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination. In the context of IFAD, he has served as chair of the Governing Council (twice), chair of the Bureau and List A Convenor.

Early in his career he became well acquainted with various aspects of the food and agriculture policy field: the Brussels dimension, political current affairs and multiparty negotiations. He regards food and agriculture as the most comprehensive policy domain, with crucial implications for all life. He is fully dedicated to working towards ambitious goals in areas such as food security and poverty eradication, and believes that multilateral efforts are crucial to accomplishing certain pivotal objectives.

Hans Hoogeveen has authored a book on sustainable development diplomacy and a number of articles on sustainable development and natural resources policies. His academic posts include professor of practice in natural resource policy at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University, US), visiting professor of sustainable development diplomacy at Wageningen University & Research (Netherlands) and lead lecturer in European policy at the Netherlands School of Public Administration. He holds a law degree from Leiden University (Netherlands), a Master's degree in public administration, and a doctorate from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Wageningen University & Research.

Professional Experience

2021 – 2023

Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council, Italy

2016 – 2021

UN Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy
Ambassador/Permanent Representative

2014 – 2016

Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Netherlands
Director-General for Agriculture and Nature

2014 – 2015

Ministry of Economic Affairs
Acting Secretary-General

2008 – 2014

Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
subsequently at integrated
Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation
Director-General for Agriculture

2007

Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
Deputy Director-General

2001 – 2007

Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
Various positions, including:

- *Director of International Affairs*
 - *Head of the Executive Office*
- Legal and Organisational Affairs Department
- *Head of the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Legislative Affairs Division*
- Wageningen Research, the Netherlands
- *Privatisation Project Manager*
- Netherlands Green Fund
- *Project Manager*

Education

PhD Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Tufts University), Boston MA and Wageningen University & Research, the Netherlands
Thesis: Transforming Sustainable Development Diplomacy

1989 – 1991

Netherlands School of Public Administration
Master's degree in Public Administration

1978 – 1983

Leiden University, the Netherlands
Master's degree in National and International Law

Languages

Dutch, English, French, German

Awards

- Commander of the Order of St Gregory, Holy See
- Commandeur de l'Ordre du Grand-Duché de la Couronne de Chêne, Luxembourg

Special International Events

FAO

- Organiser and vice-chair, FAO/Netherlands International Conference on Water for Food and Ecosystems, The Hague, 2005, organised in close cooperation with FAO
- Lead negotiator on behalf of EU (NL Presidency EU) in 2003; leading to adoption of the Right to Food Guidelines in 2004
- Head of Dutch delegation to World Food Summit (1996 and 2002)
- Organiser and vice-chair, FAO/Netherlands Conference on the Multifunctional Character of Agriculture and Land, Maastricht, the Netherlands, 1999

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

- President, Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2002 – 2004
- Organiser, Sixth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 2002

United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)

- Facilitator, establishment of UN Strategic Framework for Forests 2015 – 2030
- Co-chair, independent assessment of International Arrangement on Forests, UN, New York, 2015
- Chair, 7th Session of UN Forum on Forests, leading to adoption of UN Forest Instrument
- Lead negotiator on behalf of EU (NL Presidency EU) 2003 and 2004, leading to Proposals for Action Agreed by Intergovernmental Panel on Forests and by Intergovernmental Forum on Forests (IPF/IFF)

CITES

- Organiser and alternate chair, 14th Conference of the Parties to the Convention, 2007, 'Call of the Wild', The Hague, the Netherlands

UN Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA)

- Co-chair, Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture, 2019 – 2021
- Founder, Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture, 2014, New York, USA
- Organiser and co-chair, UN Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture, in cooperation with World Bank and FAO, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2013
- Organiser and co-chair, 2nd UN Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture, in cooperation with World Bank and FAO, Vietnam 2011
- Organiser and co-chair, UN Conference on Climate-Smart Agriculture, in cooperation with World Bank and FAO, The Hague, the Netherlands, 2010

Blue Growth / Oceans / Fisheries

- Board members, Global Institute for Blue Growth in Grenada, 2020 – 2024 Co-chair, International Network for Blue Growth, 2014 – 2017
- Organiser and alternate chair, UN Global Oceans Action Summit for Food Security and Blue Growth, 'A New Wave for the World', in close cooperation with FAO and World Bank, The Hague, the Netherlands, 2014

Food Loss and Waste

- Co-chair, Champions SDG 12.3, from 2020
- International Conference on Food Loss and Waste Reduction, in close cooperation with FAO and UNEP, The Hague, the Netherlands, 2015