



CONFERENCE

Forty-third Session

Rome, 1-7 July 2023

Election of Council Members

Executive Summary

Rule XXII of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO) sets out the provisions for the nomination and election of Member Nations to the FAO Council (see *Appendix C*). The term of office for Council Membership is three years.

The Council has 49 seats, of which 16 fall vacant in each of the two successive calendar years and 17 in the third calendar year.

The seats to be filled at the 43rd Session of the Conference comprise 16 which fall vacant at the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference and 16 which fall vacant on 30 June 2024.

The deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference is 9.00 hours on Monday 3 July 2023.

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1. The Conference at its 43rd Session will be called to fill the vacancies due to the expiration of terms of office of Council Members. Nominations are sought for 16 seats falling vacant at the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference; for 16 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2024; for 1 seat falling vacant from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until 30 June 2024; and for 1 seat falling vacant from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference. The present composition of the Council is given below.

<u>16 seats falling vacant at the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)</u>	<u>16 seats falling vacant on 30 June 2024</u>	<u>17 seats falling vacant at the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)</u>
Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Angola
Australia	Belarus	Argentina
Cameroon	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bahamas
Egypt	Chile	Brazil
Eritrea	China	Canada
France ¹	Congo	Costa Rica
Guatemala ²	Equatorial Guinea ⁶	Côte d'Ivoire
India	Ethiopia	Germany
Luxembourg ³	Indonesia	Guinea
Malaysia ⁴	Japan	Iraq ⁸
Pakistan	Kuwait	Israel
Russian Federation ⁵	Nicaragua	Kenya
Saudi Arabia	Peru	Mauritania
South Africa	Philippines	Mexico
Sweden	Republic of Korea	Qatar
Tunisia	United Kingdom ⁷	Slovenia
		United States of America

2. Under the terms of Rule XXII.10 of the GRO, each nomination for election to a seat on the Council must be made in writing and supported by the delegates of two Member Nations other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated, and the nomination must be for a specific region. The distribution of FAO Member Nations by region for Council election purposes at the time of writing is given in *Appendix A*.

3. Rule XXII.10(a) specifies that, as soon as possible after the opening of its session and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference shall, on the recommendation of its General Committee, “*decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted*”. Accordingly, the 171st Session of the Council (December 2022) recommended that 9.00 hours on Monday 3 July 2023 be set as the deadline by which nominations be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, and that Thursday 6 July 2023 be set as the date for the election, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

¹ France replaced Germany from the end of the 42nd Conference to the end of the 43rd Conference (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 6).

² Guatemala replaced Cuba from the end of the 42nd Conference to the end of the 43rd Conference as Cuba was deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

³ Luxembourg replaced Monaco from the end of the 42nd Conference until the end of the 43rd Conference (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 6).

⁴ Malaysia replaced Thailand from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2023 (see C 2019/REP para. 32).

⁵ The Russian Federation replaced the United Kingdom from the end of the 42nd Conference until the end of the 43rd Conference (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 6).

⁶ Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

⁷ The United Kingdom replaced Spain from 1 July 2022 until 30 June 2024 (see C 2021/LIM/21 para. 7).

⁸ Deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

4. The procedure to be followed in submitting these nominations is outlined in Rule XXII.10(b) and (c). Rule XXII.10(d) further specifies that the General Committee shall communicate the valid nominations received to the Conference at least three working days before the date selected for the election. A nomination form is given in *Appendix B*.

5. In line with Rule XXII.5 of the GRO, any Member Nation shall be eligible for election to the Council if it is not in arrears of payment of its financial contributions to the Organization in an amount equal to or exceeding the contributions due from it for the two preceding calendar years.

6. Details of the distribution of seats to be filled by region are given below, along with the Member Nations which are currently occupying those seats:

a) 16 seats from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference until 30 June 2026:

Region	Country currently occupying seat (until the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference)
Africa (4)	Cameroon, Eritrea, South Africa, Tunisia
Asia (3)	India, Pakistan, Malaysia
Europe (4)	France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Russian Federation
Latin America and the Caribbean (1)	Guatemala
Near East (3)	Afghanistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (1)	Australia

b) 16 seats for the period 1 July 2024 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027):

Region	Country currently occupying seat (until 30 June 2024)
Africa (3)	Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia
Asia (6)	Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea
Europe (3)	Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, United Kingdom
Latin America and the Caribbean (3)	Chile, Nicaragua, Peru
Near East (1)	Kuwait
North America (0)	
Southwest Pacific (0)	

c) Since Equatorial Guinea is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the Africa region for the period end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to 30 June 2024 (the remainder of the term of office), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO.

d) Since Iraq is deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO, the vacated seat should be filled for the Near East region for the period from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (June 2025) (the remainder of the term of office), as provided by Rule XXII, paragraphs 6 and 9 of the GRO.

Appendix A**FAO MEMBER NATIONS BY REGION FOR COUNCIL ELECTION PURPOSES****I. AFRICA**

(Member Nations: 49 – Council seats: 12)

Algeria	Eswatini	Namibia
Angola	Ethiopia	Niger
Benin	Gabon	Nigeria
Botswana	Gambia	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Sao Tome and Principe
Burundi	Guinea	Senegal
Cabo Verde	Guinea-Bissau	Seychelles
Cameroon	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Central African Republic	Lesotho	South Africa
Chad	Liberia	South Sudan
Comoros	Madagascar	Togo
Congo	Malawi	Tunisia
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mauritania	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Mauritius	Zambia
Eritrea	Morocco	Zimbabwe
	Mozambique	

II. ASIA

(Member Nations: 25 – Council seats: 9)

Bangladesh	Japan	Pakistan
Bhutan	Kazakhstan	Philippines
Brunei Darussalam	Lao People's	Republic of Korea
Cambodia	Democratic Republic	Singapore
China	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Democratic People's	Maldives	Thailand
Republic of Korea	Mongolia	Timor-Leste
India	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Indonesia	Nepal	Viet Nam

III. EUROPE

(Member Nations: 48 – Council seats: 10)

Albania	Georgia	Norway
Andorra	Germany	Poland
Armenia	Greece	Portugal
Austria	Hungary	Republic of Moldova
Azerbaijan	Iceland	Romania
Belarus	Ireland	Russian Federation
Belgium	Israel	San Marino
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Serbia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Slovakia
Croatia	Lithuania	Slovenia
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Spain
Czechia	Malta	Sweden
Denmark	Monaco	Switzerland
Estonia	Montenegro	Türkiye
Finland	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Ukraine
France	North Macedonia	United Kingdom

Member Organization: European Union

Associate Member: Faroe Islands

IV. LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

(Member Nations: 33 – Council seats: 9)

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Argentina	Ecuador	Peru
Bahamas	El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Lucia
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Guyana	Suriname
Brazil	Haiti	Trinidad And Tobago
Chile	Honduras	Uruguay
Colombia	Jamaica	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Costa Rica	Mexico	
Cuba	Nicaragua	
Dominica	Panama	

V. NEAR EAST

(Member Nations: 21 – Council seats: 6)

Afghanistan	Kuwait	Somalia
Bahrain	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan
Djibouti	Lebanon	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt	Libya	Tajikistan
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Oman	Turkmenistan
Iraq	Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Jordan	Saudi Arabia	Yemen

VI. NORTH AMERICA

(Member Nations: 2 – Council seats: 2)

Canada
United States of America

VII. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

(Member Nations: 16 – Council seats: 1)

Australia
Cook Islands
Fiji
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu

Associate Member: Tokelau

Appendix B**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS**(To be submitted by 9.00 hours on **Monday, 3 July 2023**)

Date:

To: Secretary-General of the Conference and Council
 Room A140
 Via delle Terme di Caracalla
 00153 Rome
CSG-Director@fao.org

The Delegate ofand the Delegate of

(Signature).....(Signature)

wish to nominate.....

for election to a seat on the Council for the Region of

for the following term of office:

- a) From the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to 30 June 2026 [16 seats]*
- b) From 1 July 2024 to the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027) [16 seats]*
- c) From the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the 30 June 2024 [1 seat]*
- d) From the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) [1 seat]*

The Delegate of accepts this nomination.

* Delete if not applicable. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw (Rule XXII.10(g) GRO refers).

Appendix C**RULE XXII.10 OF THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ORGANIZATION**

10. [...]

- (a) As soon as possible after the opening of the Conference session, and in any case before the end of the third day of the session, the Conference, on the recommendation of its General Committee, shall decide the date of the election and the date by which nominations for election to the Council must be submitted, in accordance with subparagraph (c) below.
- (b) Each nomination shall be made for a specific region as determined by the Conference, indicating the term of office to which it applies, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g) of this paragraph. No nomination shall be made for a term that includes a period for which the Member Nation concerned is already in office.
- (c) Each nomination shall be supported, in writing, by the delegates of two Member Nations to the Conference other than the delegate of the Member Nation nominated and shall be accompanied by a formal written acceptance of the nomination by the delegate of the Member Nation nominated. Any nomination reaching the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council after the date and time determined by the Conference for the submission of nominations shall not be valid.

[...]

- (g) The election of Council Members shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 9(b) and 12 of Rule XII, one election being held to fill simultaneously all the vacancies occurring in each region in each of the calendar years referred to in paragraph 1 of this Rule. Should the number of Member Nations standing for election in a particular region be equal to the total number of vacancies occurring in both calendar years, one election may be held to fill simultaneously all these vacancies, and the allocation of candidates to the vacancies occurring in each year may be settled, where necessary, by mutual agreement or by the Conference by such methods as it may decide to adopt. Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.