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COUNCIL

Hundred and Forty-sixth Session

Rome, 22-26 April 2013

Arrangements for the 38th Session of the Conference
(15-22 June 2013)

Executive Summary

This document contains a tentative Timetable for the 38th Session of the Conference and lists the officers of the Conference for which candidates need to be nominated.

Suggested action by the Council

- Endorse the tentative timetable for the 38th Session of the Conference set out in *Appendix A*;
- Propose candidates for the following officers of the Conference:
 - Chairperson of Commission I;
 - Chairperson of Commission II;
 - Three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
 - Seven elected Members of the General Committee;
 - Nine Members of the Credentials Committee; and
 - Seven Members of the Resolutions Committee.

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Introduction

1. As decided by the 37th Session of the Conference (June-July 2011), the 38th Session of the Conference will be held in Rome from Saturday, 15 to Saturday, 22 June 2013. The Provisional Agenda for the Session was approved by the 145th Session of Council (December 2012). Item 19, "United Nations/FAO World Food Programme", a standing item at sessions of the Conference, was inadvertently omitted from the draft Agenda submitted to Council, and was subsequently added.
2. This document complements the arrangements for the 38th Session of the FAO Conference (15-22 June 2013) approved by the Council at its 145th Session (December 2012), which are contained in C 2013/12, including the proposal that the theme for the General Debate of the Conference under item 9 "Review of the State of Food and Agriculture" be "Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition".

Tentative Timetable

3. A tentative timetable for the Conference (*Appendix A*) is now submitted for consideration by the Council, and subsequent submission to the Conference for approval.

Officers of the Conference

4. The Council at its 145th Session (December 2012) expressed consensus for the nomination of His Excellency Mohammad Asif Rahimi, Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan as Chairperson of the Conference and, furthermore, recommended that the Chairperson of Commission I be from a country from the G77 and China Group, and that the Chairperson of Commission II be from a country not within the G77 and China Group.¹
5. In keeping with Rule XXIV-5(b) of the general Rules of the Organization, the Council is requested to nominate candidates for the following positions:
 - (i) Chairperson of Commission I;
 - (ii) Chairperson of Commission II;
 - (iii) Three Vice-Chairpersons of the Conference;
 - (iv) Seven elected Members of the General Committee;
 - (v) Nine members of the Credentials Committee.
6. Furthermore, in keeping with past practice, the Council is also expected to nominate seven members of the Resolutions Committee.

Informal Meeting for Non-Governmental Organizations

7. As at previous sessions of the Conference, it is proposed that observers from Non-Governmental Organizations be invited to attend an informal meeting on Saturday 15 June 2013, so that their advice and suggestions on FAO activities and programmes may be communicated to the Conference.

¹ CL145/REP para 42

Appendix A

Provisional Timetable for the 38th Session of the FAO Conference**Saturday, 15 June 2013****Morning (9.30 hours) - Plenary**

- Item 1** Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons
- Item 2** Appointment of the General Committee and Credentials Committee
- Item 32** Any Other Matters
 - 32.1** McDougall Memorial Lecture

(First Meeting of the General Committee)*[Morning (9.30 hours) - Philippines room**Informal Meeting of Observers from Non-Governmental Organizations]***Afternoon (14.30 hours) - Plenary**

- Item 3** Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session
- Item 5** Applications for Membership in the Organization (Vote)
- Item 4** Admission of Observers
- Item 32** Any Other Matters:
 - 32.2** Presentation of B.R. Sen Awards
 - 32.3** Presentation of A.H. Boerma Award
 - 32.4** Presentation of Edouard Saouma Award
 - 32.5** Presentation of Jacques Diouf Award
 - 32.6** Presentation of the Margarita Lizárraga Medal
- Item 5** Applications for Membership in the Organization (Admission Ceremony)

Monday 17 June 2013

	Plenary	Commission I (Green Room)	Commission II (Red Room)
09.30-12.30	Director-General's Statement Independent Chairperson of the Council's Statement Item 9 Review of the State of Food and Agriculture		10.30-12.30
			Item 20 Programme Implementation Report 2010-2011 Item 21 Programme Evaluation Report 2013 Item 24 Report on Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action (IPA)
14.30-17.30 (or later if required)	Item 9 Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	Item 10 Regional and Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from: 10.1 Report of the 31 st Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) (Hanoi, Viet Nam, 12-16 March 2012) 10.2 Report of the 32 nd Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (LARC) (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 26-30 March 2012) 10.3 Report of the 28 th Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) (Baku, Azerbaijan, 17-20 April 2012) 10.4 Report of the 27 th Regional Conference for Africa (ARC) (Brazzaville, Congo, 23-27 April 2012) 10.5 Report of the 31 st Regional Conference for the Near East (NERC) (Rome, Italy, 14-18 May 2012) 10.6 Input from the Informal Regional Conference for North America (Ottawa, Canada, 3-5 April 2012) Item 13 FAO Gender Policy and the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (SWAP)	Item 22 Reviewed Strategic Framework Item 23 Medium Term Plan 2014-2017 and Programme of Work and Budget 2014-2015 (Draft Resolution on budget level)

Tuesday 18 June 2013

	Plenary	Commission I (Green Room)	Commission II (Red Room)
09.30-12.30	Item 9 Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	Item 11 Global Policy and Regulatory matters arising from: 11.1 Report of the 23 rd Session of the Committee on Agriculture (21-25 May 2012) 11.2 Report of the 69 th Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems (28-30 May 2012) 11.3 Report of the 30 th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (9-13 July 2012) 11.4 Report of the 21 st Session of the Committee on Forestry (24-28 September 2012) Item 12 Reports of the 37 th (17-22 October 2011), 38 th (Special) (11 May 2012) and 39 th (15-20 October 2012) Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security	Item 23 Medium Term Plan 2014-2017 and Programme of Work and Budget 2014-2015 (Draft Resolution on budget level) (cont'd)
14.30-17.30 (or later if required)	Item 9 Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	Item 19 United Nations/FAO World Food Programme Item 14 Interim Report on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System Item 15 Report of the 14th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (15-19 April 2013) Item 16 International Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides	Item 23 Medium Term Plan 2014-2017 and Programme of Work and Budget 2014-2015 (Draft Resolution on budget level) (cont'd)

Wednesday 19 June 2013

	Plenary	Commission I (Green Room)	Commission II (Red Room)
09.30-12.30	Item 9 Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	Item 17 Preparations for the Second International Conference on Nutrition ICN-2 Item 18 International Years and Days: 18.1 Evaluation of the International Year of Forests 2011 18.2 International Year of Cooperatives 2012 18.3 International Year of Quinoa 2013 18.4 International Year of Family Farming 2014 18.5 World Soil Day	Item 23 Medium Term Plan 2014-2017 and Programme of Work and Budget 2014-2015 (Draft Resolution on budget level) (cont'd)
14.30-17.30 (or later if required)	Item 9 Review of the State of Food and Agriculture (cont'd)	(Drafting Committee Commission I)	(Drafting Committee Commission II)

Thursday 20 June 2013

	Plenary	Commission I (Green Room)	Commission II (Red Room)
09.30-12.30	[Papal Audience] (tbc)		
14.30-17.30 (or later if required)	<p>Item 27 Audited Accounts 2010-2011 (Draft Resolution)</p> <p>Item 28 Scale of Contributions 2014-2015 (Draft Resolution)</p> <p>Item 29 Payment by the European Union to Cover Administrative and other Expenses Arising out of its Membership in the Organization</p> <p>Item 30 Other Administrative and Financial Matters</p> <p>Item 8 Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee</p> <p>Item 32 Any Other Matters</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">32.7 Statement by a Representative of FAO Staff Bodies</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">32.8 In Memoriam</p> <p>Item 31 Date and Place of the 39th Session of the FAO Conference</p>	Adoption of the Report (time to be announced)	Adoption of the Report (time to be announced)

Friday 21 June 2013

Morning (09:30 - 12:30) - Plenary

- Item 23** Adoption of the Draft Resolution on Budgetary Appropriations 2014-15 (Vote)
(part of)
- Item 25** Amendments to the Basic Texts (Vote)
- 25.1** Proposed Amendments to Rules XXXVII and XL of the General Rules of the Organization
 (Draft Resolution)
- Item 26** Other Constitutional and Legal Matters

Afternoon (14:30-17.30 or later if required)

- Item 7** Election of Council Members (Vote)
- Item 6** Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Council (Vote)

Saturday 22 June 2013

Morning

[Preparation of the Report]

Afternoon (14:30)

Adoption of the Report of:

- Commission I
- Commission II
- Plenary