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## Introductory Items<sup>1</sup>

1. The 149<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council was held in Rome from 16 to 20 June 2014 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of Council.

## Procedure of the Session

### Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable<sup>2</sup>

2. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and acknowledged the statement by the Director-General, Mr José Graziano da Silva, before adopting the Agenda and Timetable for the Session as amended. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

### Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee<sup>3</sup>

3. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Amr Mostafa Kamal Helmy (Egypt), Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff (Liberia) and Mr Neil Briscoe (United Kingdom).

4. The Council elected Mr Marc Mankoussou (Congo) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Japan, Madagascar, Portugal, Russian Federation and the United States of America.

## Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters

### Programme Implementation Report 2012-13<sup>4</sup>

5. The Council welcomed the Programme Implementation Report 2012-13 as a comprehensive and informative presentation of achievements and financial performance. It noted that future versions would improve with the introduction of the new results framework for monitoring and reporting.

6. The Council:

- a) expressed overall satisfaction at the implementation of the programme of work in 2012-13;
- b) welcomed the unprecedented efficiencies and savings achieved in the 2012-13 biennium, recognized the challenge of finding such a high level of savings in future without containing staff costs, and encouraged the engagement of FAO Members with the United Nations General Assembly and the International Civil Service Commission in this regard;
- c) was satisfied that the transformational changes of 2012-13 represented a major achievement for FAO, and underlined the need for continuity in the strategic direction of the Organization in order to realize the full impact of the reviewed Strategic Framework;
- d) welcomed the decentralization efforts undertaken in 2012-13, and stressed the need for further analysis and action in the future, in particular a review of the country coverage and modalities of FAO's decentralized offices network;
- e) welcomed the mainstreaming of gender across FAO's activities and encouraged further development in this regard, including the use of gender disaggregated data, and continued progress on the number of female staff in senior positions;
- f) welcomed the efforts made in respect of partnerships with civil society organizations and the private sector, as well as with regional organizations, and looked forward to receiving progress reports on implementation of the related partnership strategies;

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<sup>1</sup> CL 149/PV/1; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>2</sup> CL 149/1 Rev.1; CL 149/INF/1 Rev.2; CL 149/INF/3; CL 149/PV/1; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>3</sup> CL 149/PV/1; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>4</sup> C 2015/8; C 2015/8 Web Annex 4; C 2015/8 Web Annex 5; CL 149/6; CL 149/PV/2; CL 149/PV/6

- g) noted the general progress in language balance in FAO's products, urged continued efforts in those languages where there was room for further progress, particularly where progress was insufficient, and requested that a report on the implementation of that recommendation be presented at its next session; and
- h) noted with appreciation the enhanced trust prevailing between FAO's Membership and the Secretariat.

7. The Council endorsed the Programme Implementation Report 2012-13 and recommended that it be submitted to the Conference in June 2015 for approval.

### **Regional Conferences<sup>5</sup>**

8. The Council reviewed and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the five 2014 Regional Conferences, and the informal Regional Conference for North America, as contained in the respective reports, particularly in relation to programme and budget matters pertaining to priorities for FAO activities in the regions, as well as decentralization and the decentralized offices network.

9. The Council appreciated that the Regional Conferences had updated and defined their regional priorities in line with the reviewed Strategic Framework and new Medium Term Plan 2014-17.

10. The Council supported the endorsement of 15 Regional Initiatives as delivery mechanisms contributing to the achievement of the five Strategic Objectives and to ensure effective country-level impact taking into account the Country Programming Frameworks (CPF), as well as mobilization of extra-budgetary resources, and looked forward to receiving information on progress made with regard to the implementation of Regional Initiatives at a future session.

11. The Council welcomed the progress made on decentralization and encouraged the implementation of further proposals to improve the structure and functioning of the decentralized offices network, in particular with regard to country coverage.

12. The Council noted and agreed with the declarations made by Members in Regional Conference reports, recognized the positive effects of the transformational changes put in place during the last biennium, expressed confidence in and continued support to the new strategic direction of the Organization and underlined the need for continuity to achieve the full impact of these changes initiated under the leadership of the Director-General.

13. The Council recommended that the outcomes of the Regional Conferences and the Informal North American Regional Conference inform the implementation and review of the Medium Term Plan 2014-17 and be taken into consideration in preparing the Programme of Work and Budget 2016-17.

### **Report of the Joint Meeting of the 115<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (28 May 2014)<sup>6</sup>**

14. The Council endorsed the report of the Joint Meeting, and:
- a) commended the progress on the Medium Term Plan 2014-17, following endorsement by the 148<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of the adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2014-15;
  - b) stressed the need for continuity in the strategic direction of FAO in order to realize the full impact of the reviewed Strategic Framework;
  - c) noted the inter-relation between programmatic consolidation and resource allocations during work planning and looked forward to more accurate budgetary chapter allocations in the next Programme of Work and Budget;

<sup>5</sup> C 2015/14; C 2015/15; C 2015/16; C 2015/16 Corr.1; C 2015/17; C 2015/18; C 2015/LIM/1; CL 149/5; CL 149/6; CL 149/PV/1; CL 149/PV/2; CL 149/PV/4; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>6</sup> CL 149/4; CL 149/5; CL 149/6; CL 149/LIM/6; CL 149/PV/4; CL 149/PV/6



- d) recognized the dynamic and evolutionary nature of the results framework, noted the need for solid baselines to enable development of measurable targets, and supported continued refinement of meaningful indicators used for monitoring and reporting;
- e) encouraged the use of innovative funding modalities in order to broaden the base for mobilization of extra-budgetary resources, and emphasized the catalytic role of the Technical Cooperation Programme in resource mobilization; and
- f) appreciated the preparation by the Secretariat of the Information Note on FAO Results Chain and Accountability for Delivery (CL 149/LIM/6), and asked for further information on the results framework at the next appropriate Governing Body session.

### **Report of the 115<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (26-30 May 2014)<sup>7</sup>**

15. The Council endorsed the report of the 115<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee.
16. The Council welcomed the evaluations and management responses relating to FAO's Regional and Subregional Offices in Asia and the Pacific, and in Latin America and the Caribbean, and:
- a) stressed the importance of decentralization efforts thus far, and encouraged further analysis and action for its strengthening, in particular with regard to country coverage;
  - b) recognized the importance of South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation, including in middle-income countries. In this context, highlighted the importance for FAO to conduct an analysis of the opportunities and challenges of FAO's work in middle-income countries;
  - c) welcomed the use of Country Programming Frameworks;
  - d) encouraged the building of partnerships with regional and subregional organizations, inter-governmental bodies, civil society and the private sector;
  - e) stressed the importance of a forward looking synthesis report of the five evaluations of Regional and Subregional Offices, to be submitted to the Conference in 2015 through the Council; and
  - f) encouraged particular attention and assistance by the Organization to the challenges faced by the Pacific Island countries and territories.
17. In addition, the Council:
- a) appreciated the evaluation and management response relating to FAO's role in support of crop production, highlighting the important role of technologies, building strategic partnerships, and the need for balancing technical expertise in the field and preserving a critical mass at the global level;
  - b) noted the progress of FAO's work in promoting Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security;
  - c) recognized the importance of FAO's work in food and agriculture policy, welcomed the use of Country Programming Frameworks, encouraged continued strengthening of policy capacity of the Organization, both at headquarters and at country level, while preserving a critical mass at the global level; and
  - d) noted the lessons learned from the FAO response to the 2010 floods in Pakistan, in particular with regard to staff capacities and adequate skill mix in disaster responses.

### **Reports of the 152<sup>nd</sup> (21-22 January 2014), 153<sup>rd</sup> (12-14 May 2014) and 154<sup>th</sup> (26-30 May 2014) Sessions of the Finance Committee<sup>8</sup>**

18. The Council endorsed the reports of the 152<sup>nd</sup>, 153<sup>rd</sup> and 154<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Finance Committee, and in particular:

<sup>7</sup> CL 149/5; CL 149/LIM/6; CL 149/PV/3; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>8</sup> CL 149/3; CL 149/4; CL 149/11; CL 149/LIM/2; CL 149/PV/3; CL 149/PV/6

- a) urged all Member Nations to make timely and full payment of assessed contributions to ensure that FAO continues to meet the operating cash requirements for the Programme of Work;
- b) endorsed the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Incentive Scheme be abolished and that this be forwarded to the Conference for approval while encouraging the Secretariat to explore alternative measures to encourage timely payment of assessed contributions by FAO Members;
- c) noted that in accordance with Financial Regulations 4.1 and 4.5, the Finance Committee had authorized final budgetary transfers arising from implementation of the 2012-13 Programme of Work in favour of Chapters 11 (USD 1.4 million) and 13 (USD 8.4 million) from Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 12;
- d) noted that the Finance Committee had endorsed the forecasted chapter distributions of the 2014-15 budgetary appropriation of USD 1,005.6 million arising from preparation of biennial work plans; and looked forward to more accurate budgetary chapter allocations in the next Programme of Work and Budget;
- e) welcomed the efficiency savings achieved since 2012, and expressed concern that further savings should not impact negatively on the delivery of the programme of work;
- f) supported the Finance Committee's recognition of the importance of engagement by FAO Members with the United Nations General Assembly and the International Civil Service Commission in order to achieve meaningful containment of staff costs at FAO;
- g) noted the importance, as stressed by the Finance Committee and as conveyed in the 2013 Annual Report of the Inspector General, of strengthening internal control in the Organization and in particular in relation to the Decentralized Offices Network;
- h) encouraged Management to give particular attention to measures aimed at improving the performance of the decentralized offices network; and
- i) endorsed the extension of the term of Ms Carolyn Dittmeier for a further three years and the appointment of Ms Enery Quinones and Mr Verasak Liengsriwat for an initial period of three years, as members of the FAO Audit Committee.

19. The Council did not endorse the draft Conference Resolution on the Restoration of Voting Rights of Member Nations in Arrears, and looked forward to reviewing the matter in the next biennium, following further review by the Finance Committee.

## **Constitutional and Legal Matters**

### **Report of the 98<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (17-19 March 2014)<sup>9</sup>**

20. The Council endorsed the report of the 98<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM).

21. The Council:

- a) noted broad support for a revised framework reflecting FAO's experience on the participation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and private sector representatives in FAO meetings;
- b) expressed satisfaction at the progress achieved in the preparation by the CCLM of draft rules and procedures for participation of CSOs and private sector representatives in FAO meetings;
- c) noted that a number of provisions in the draft "Rules and Procedures for Participation of Civil Society Organizations and Private Sector Representatives in FAO Meetings" needed additional clarification and reconsideration, as appropriate; and
- d) requested the Secretariat to convene information meetings and hold consultations with Regional Groups for review, analysis and debate of the draft rules and procedures so that the CCLM could finalize its work at its session of Autumn 2014.

<sup>9</sup> CL 149/2 Rev.1; CL 149/PV/4; CL 149/PV/6

22. The Council noted the deliberations of the CCLM on the second annual report of the Ethics Committee.

## **Governance Matters**

### **Update on the Independent Review of Governance Reforms<sup>10</sup>**

23. The Council noted that the Independent Chairperson of the Council had convened two Informal Meetings of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups, in February and May 2014, to discuss the Independent Review. The Council further noted that a discussion paper had been presented to Members in May setting out details of the methodology followed.

24. The Council appreciated the Independent Review team's progress report, which outlined the activities undertaken, including participation in the Regional Conferences and sessions of Council Committees, as well as the main themes to be looked into by the Review Team.

25. The Council appreciated the opportunity to interact informally with the Independent Review Team in-session, over a range of issues, including the functioning of Regional Conferences, the relationship between FAO Governing Bodies and the role of the Conference.

26. The Council noted that a third Informal Meeting of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups would be convened on 9 September 2014 to discuss the preliminary findings and conclusions of the Independent Review, and looked forward to receiving the draft report at its 150<sup>th</sup> Session in December 2014.

### **Dates for Submission of Nominations for the Office of Director-General<sup>11</sup>**

27. The Council set the dates of 1 November 2014 to 31 January 2015 as the period during which Member Nations could submit nominations for the office of Director-General.

### **Progress Report on the Preparation of the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)<sup>12</sup>**

28. The Council welcomed the progress made collaboratively by FAO and the World Health Organization (WHO) in preparing for the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2), both through the ICN2 Joint Working Group, as well as the ICN2 Joint Secretariat. In particular, the Council appreciated:

- a) the efforts made by the Joint Working Group towards reaching consensus on the draft Rome Declaration on Nutrition and looked forward to its timely completion, preferably by the end of June 2014, in the form of a short and concise document;
- b) the support provided by the Director-General and the Joint Secretariat to the Joint Working Group and the arrangements made for the Conference; and
- c) the valuable inputs made with regard to the draft Rome Declaration on Nutrition through two public web-based consultations involving a wide range of stakeholders, including UN bodies and other international organizations, academia, civil society and private sector organizations, and urged a similar online consultation be held on the draft Framework for Action.

29. The Council conveyed to the Secretariat a number of concerns regarding the process, outcome documents, and other aspects of the preparation of the Conference.

30. The Council encouraged the ICN2 Joint Secretariat to prepare, by July 2014, a draft Framework for Action to serve as a technical guide for the implementation of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition, for its subsequent consideration by the Joint Working Group in September 2014. As a

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<sup>10</sup> CL 149/INF/9; CL 149/LIM/4; CL 149/PV/2; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>11</sup> CL 149/8; CL 149/PV/5; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>12</sup> CL 149/9; CL 149/PV/5; CL 149/PV/6

result, the Council noted the expectation that the two ICN2 outcome documents would be completed by the end of September 2014.

31. The Council commended the productive dialogue among Joint Working Group Members and expressed appreciation to the Co-Chairpersons and Co-Vice-Chairpersons for their leadership in steering the deliberations towards a successful outcome of the Conference.

32. The Council looked forward to a meeting of an open-ended working group to be convened, providing speaking rights to the Membership of FAO and WHO, to consider the draft Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action.

33. The Council noted with appreciation the initiatives to involve and consult with Non-State Actors in ICN2, and encouraged FAO to ensure that their inputs were given due consideration in the finalization of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition and Framework for Action.

### **Assessment of the International Year of Quinoa (2013)<sup>13</sup>**

34. The Council:

- a) took note of the report on the Assessment of the International Year of Quinoa and of the activities undertaken during 2013;
- b) welcomed the achievements of the International Year in raising awareness and scientific knowledge of quinoa, as well as increased production and consumption, especially in countries affected by food insecurity;
- c) recommended that the Conference in 2015 call on Members to continue to support activities, coordinated by FAO, to promote quinoa food systems, especially in countries suffering from hunger and malnutrition; and
- d) recommended that future reports on International Years include information on the costs incurred by FAO, including staff time.

### **Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 148<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council<sup>14</sup>**

35. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 148<sup>th</sup> Session (2-6 December 2013) and requested that those not yet completed be implemented effectively and rapidly.

### **Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2014-17<sup>15</sup>**

36. The Council reviewed and approved its Multi-year Programme of Work (MYPOW) 2014-17, set out in *Annex C* to this report.

## **Other Matters**

### **Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2014-15<sup>16</sup>**

37. The Council:

- a) took note of the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2014-15, as set out in *Appendix D* to this Report;
- b) approved the dates for its 150<sup>th</sup> Session from 1 to 5 December 2014; and
- c) requested further information on the Ministerial Meeting of 6 October 2014.

<sup>13</sup> CL 149/10; CL 149/PV/4; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>14</sup> CL 149/LIM/3; CL 149/PV/5; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>15</sup> CL 149/7; CL 149/PV/4; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>16</sup> CL 149/LIM/1; CL 149/PV/4; CL 149/PV/6

### **Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO<sup>17</sup>**

38. The Council appreciated presentations made on the following subjects:
- a) Collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies: Joint Project on Food Losses;
  - b) Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES);
  - c) UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit (New York, 23 September 2014);
  - d) Common Oceans (Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Programme);
  - e) Global Oceans Action Summit for Food Security and Blue Growth;
  - f) Review of the International Arrangement on Forests;
  - g) XIV World Forestry Congress; and
  - h) International Year of Family Farming 2014.
39. The Council appreciated the presentations provided by the Secretariat on emergencies in the Central African Republic, the Philippines and South Sudan, as well as updates on *El Niño* and the steps being taken to develop a programme for Yemen.

### **Provisional Agenda for the 150<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council (December 2014)<sup>18</sup>**

40. The Council endorsed the Provisional Agenda of its 150<sup>th</sup> Session (December 2014).

### **Working Methods of the Council<sup>19</sup>**

41. The Council welcomed the initiatives taken by the Secretariat to improve the methods of work of the Council, and encouraged further improvements.

### **Appointment of Alternate Chairpersons of the Appeals Committee<sup>20</sup>**

42. The Council appointed Mr Mario Arvelo Caamaño (Dominican Republic) and Mr Lubomir Ivanov (Bulgaria) as First and Second Alternate Chairperson respectively of the Appeals Committee, for terms of three years to take effect immediately.

### **Statement by Representatives of the FAO Staff Bodies<sup>21</sup>**

43. Mr Rainer Krell for the Association of Professional Staff in FAO (AP-in-FAO) and Ms Susan Murray for the Union of General Service Staff (UGSS) made a statement on behalf of the two FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

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<sup>17</sup> CL 149/INF/4; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>18</sup> CL 149/INF/2; CL 149/PV/5; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>19</sup> CL 149/INF/5; CL 149/PV/4; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>20</sup> CL 149/LIM/5; CL 149/PV/5; CL 149/PV/6

<sup>21</sup> CL 149/PV/5; CL 149/PV/6



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## **Appendix A**

### **Agenda for the 149<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council**

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#### **Procedure of the Session**

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee

#### **Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters**

3. Programme Implementation Report 2012-13
4. Regional Conferences
  - 4.1 Report of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference for the Near East (Rome, Italy, 24-28 February 2014)
  - 4.2 Report of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 10-14 March 2014)
  - 4.3 Report of the 28<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference for Africa (Tunis, Tunisia, 24-28 March 2014)
  - 4.4 Report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference for Europe (Bucharest, Romania, 1-4 April 2014)
  - 4.5 Report of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 6-9 May 2014)
  - 4.6 Input from the Informal Regional Conference for North America (Washington, United States of America, 15-16 April 2014)
5. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 115<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee and 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the Finance Committee (28 May 2014)
6. Report of the 115<sup>th</sup> Session of the Programme Committee (26-30 May 2014)
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## Appendix C

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### **Council Multi-year Programme of Work Revised version covering the 2014-17 period**

#### **I. Overall Objective for the Council**

The Council provides the Conference with precise, balanced and timely guidance on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as constitutional, organizational, administrative and financial matters. In accordance with the Basic Texts and Conference Resolution 8/2009, the Council also plays a dynamic role in the development of the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of the Organization and has an oversight and monitoring function over the implementation of governance decisions. In particular, the Council has a major role in deciding and advising on matters pertaining to the implementation of the PWB. The Council also elects the members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters biennially and six Members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme annually and provides clear assessments on the world food and agriculture situation. It operates efficiently and effectively in a results-based manner, holding its sessions in keeping with the rolling work plan outlined in Section II G below, and with the *Note on Methods of Work of the Council*.

#### **II. Results**

##### **A. Strategy and priority setting, and budget planning**

Result: Conference decisions on strategies, priorities, programmes and budget for the Organization, as well as on the status of world food and agriculture, are based on Council guidance.

Indicators and targets:

- Conference report reflects the recommendations made by Council on the Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan (MTP) and Programme of Work and Budget (PWB).
- In examining and adopting the budget of the Organization, the Conference has at its disposal an explicit recommendation by Council regarding the level of the budget.
- Council guidance on world food and agriculture issues receives Conference approval.
- Conference approves the provisional agenda recommended to it by Council.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings regarding the Strategic Framework, MTP and PWB, and clear recommendations thereon to Conference.
- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Technical Committees on technical priorities and budget matters.
- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Regional Conferences on regional priorities and budget matters.
- Assessment of major issues pertaining to the world food and agriculture situation as necessary.
- Decisions on any adjustments to the PWB.
- Recommendations to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolution, including the content and level of the budget.
- Recommendation of the main theme of the general debate at the Conference session.
- Recommendation of the provisional agenda of the Conference session.

Working methods:

- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

**B. Monitoring implementation of governance decisions**

Result: Implementation of decisions on governance matters is regularly monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- Timely implementation of governance decisions taken by Conference and Council is monitored by the Council, and this is reflected in the Conference report.
- The recommendations on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies are reviewed and assessed by Council before submission to Conference.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken and resolutions and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of governance decisions of Council.
- Review and assessment of the recommendations made by the Open-ended Working Group on measures designed to increase the efficiency of Governing Bodies, including representation.<sup>1</sup>
- Review of the Multi-year Programmes of Work (MYPOW) of the Governing Bodies, and assessment of related progress reports.
- Recommendations and decisions on the convening of Ministerial Meetings as necessary.
- Review and assessment of issues regarding treaties, conventions and agreements that are within the framework of FAO.
- Review of developments in other fora of importance for the mandate of FAO.
- Independent Review of the outcome of the governance reforms to inform the final assessment by the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference in June 2015.

Working methods:

- Informal coordination meetings of the Chairpersons and Secretariats of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), Finance and Programme Committees, Regional Conferences and Technical Committees, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Informal consultation meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Advice from the Statutory Bodies through the Technical Committees.

**C. Exercise of oversight functions**

Result: Well functioning legal, ethics, financial and administrative frameworks, policies and systems are in place and regularly monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- The Organization operates within its legal, financial and administrative framework.
- Transparent, independent and professional evaluation of the Organization's performance, as well as audit and ethics oversight.

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<sup>1</sup> C 2011/28

- The elections mandated by the Basic Texts are held within the set deadlines.
- Policies are implemented and systems function in accordance with existing rules and standards.
- The proposed calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other main sessions conforms the schedule of sessions for the implementation of the Programming, Budgeting and Results-based Monitoring System.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations and decisions regarding budgetary performance and programme, budgetary transfers and the Organization's financial situation, including resource mobilization and voluntary contributions.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding ethics and audit, both internal and external.
- Review and assessment of the Finance Committee recommendations regarding policies and systems, both in Headquarters and Decentralized Offices, for human resources, administrative and business processes, contracting and purchasing, and information and communication technology.
- Review and assessment of the Programme and Finance Committee recommendations on strategic evaluations and the Programme Implementation Report.
- Review and assessment of the CCLM recommendations on constitutional and legal matters.
- Independent Evaluation of the evaluation function every six years (first review in 2016) – report to management and the Council together with the recommendations of the Programme Committee.

Working methods:

- Advice from the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings, and from the CCLM.
- In-depth review of one substantive issue to be chosen by the Council once every two years.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

#### **D. Monitoring of Management performance**

Result: Management performance targets are regularly reviewed and monitored by Council.

Indicators and targets:

- Performance of Management is in line with established performance targets.
- Adjustments are made to performance targets as necessary.

Outputs: Clear and precise decisions taken, and recommendations made to Conference.

Activities:

- Monitoring of the performance of Management against established performance targets in the framework of the results-based budgeting and management system, based on the MTP/PWB and on the reports of the Finance and Programme Committees and their Joint Meetings.
- Review of the contribution of extra-budgetary resources to the Organizational Results framework.
- On a periodic basis, organize the transparent, professional and independent evaluation of the Organization's performance in contributing to its planned outcomes and impacts.
- Review of the Programme and Finance Committees recommendations for adjustment of PWB implementation.

Working methods:

- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.
- Informal seminars and consultations among Members.

**E. Work planning and working methods**

Results: Council operates efficiently, in a proactive and inclusive way, according to established work plans and improved working methods.

Indicators and targets:

- Council agendas are focused.
- Council reports are concise, consisting mainly of conclusions, decisions and recommendations, and are made available to Members soon after the closure of the session.
- Council documents have a standardized cover page, with a box suggesting the proposed action.
- Council documents are issued 4 weeks before a session opens.

Outputs:

- A MYPOW for Council.
- A Note on Methods of Work of the Council is issued at each session of Council.
- Annual briefing for new Council Members.
- Updating of the “Introduction to the FAO Council” document as required.

Activities:

- Preparation of the Council MYPOW, with performance indicators.
- Preparation of a progress report to Conference on the Council MYPOW.
- Regular review of the methods of work of Council, including performance measures.
- Review of the status of implementation of Council decisions.
- Study and comparison of the governance of other international organizations in view of introducing potential improvements in the operating procedures of Council and the implementation of its MYPOW.

Working methods:

- Structured and focused deliberations during Council sessions.
- Efficient drafting arrangements for Council reports, based on the conclusions made by the Independent Chairperson of Council in closing and summing up each item.
- Regular inter-sessional activities, determined according to their interest, and level of priority.
- As appropriate, strengthen human and financial resources mobilized by the Secretariat for the implementation of, and follow up to, the MYPOW.
- Informal meetings of the Chairpersons of the Regional Groups and senior members of the Secretariat, facilitated by the Independent Chairperson of Council.
- Regular contacts between the Independent Chairperson of Council and FAO Management.

### F. Outstanding IPA Actions

The 144<sup>th</sup> Session of Council (June 2012) requested that the MYPOW include IPA actions which had not been completed:

IPA Action No. and Description	End-date	
	The Council	
2.18	The Council shall make a clear recommendation to Conference on the Programme and Budget Resolution including the budget level	For attention by Members Pending.
	Further Actions to Improve the Effectiveness of FAO Governance	
2.74	The Conference will assess the workings of the governance reforms, including the role and functioning of the Regional Conferences with an independent review as an input to this process.	June 2015 See document CL 149/LIM/4 – <i>Terms of Reference of the Independent Review of Governance Reforms</i>
	Appointment and Term of Office of the Director-General	
2.100	c) The FAO Conference will consider for approval desirable qualifications for the post of Director-General developed by the CoC-IEE in 2009.	For attention by Members Pending.
	Governing body follow-up	
4.4	... any changes found desirable in the size and regional representation in the membership of the Council and propose with advice from the CCLM any necessary changes in the Basic Texts to the 2009 Session of the Conference;	For attention by Members Pending.

### **G. Sessions and Work plan of Council**

1. The Council shall hold at least five sessions in a biennium as follows:
  - a) two sessions in the first year of the biennium;
  - b) one session not less than 60 days before the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular make recommendations to Conference on the Strategic Framework (every four years), MTP and PWB;
  - c) one session immediately after the regular session of the Conference, at which the Council shall in particular elect the Chairpersons and Members of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and CCLM; and
  - d) one session towards the end of the second year of the biennium.
2. The indicative rolling work plan of Council shall be as outlined in the following tables, and shall be adjusted as and when required by the Council, including inclusion of effective dates for sessions of bodies reporting to it, hence the “t.b.d” label (“to be determined”) added to some entries.
3. At its sessions, the Council shall review a document on the status of implementation of decisions taken at its previous session.
4. At the end of each session, the Council shall review its provisional agenda for the following session.
5. Substantive issues which shall be regularly addressed at Council sessions include the following items:
  - Audit, ethics and other oversight issues;
  - Human resources;
  - Resource mobilization, including voluntary contributions;
  - Decentralization issues;
  - Contracting and purchasing issues;
  - Information and communication technology issues;
  - Strategic evaluations and management responses;
  - United Nations system-wide developments regarding oversight issues impacting on FAO.



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<b>151<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council, March 2015</b>
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<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Address by Candidates for the Post of Director-General</li> <li>7) Independent Review of Governance Reforms</li> <li>8) Arrangements for the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference</li> <li>9) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2015-18</li> <li>10) Status of implementation of Council decisions</li> </ol>
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<b>152<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council, June 2015</b>
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<p><b>Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (September 2015)</li> </ol>
<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Committee</li> <li>• Programme Committee</li> <li>• CCLM</li> <li>• Regional Conferences</li> <li>• Technical Committees</li> <li>• Council</li> </ul> </li> <li>8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2016-19</li> <li>9) Status of implementation of Council decisions</li> </ol>
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- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2016) (t.b.d.)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2016) (t.b.d.)
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- 5) Report of the Regional Conference for Africa (...2016) (t.b.d.)
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- 8) Report of the Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean (...2016) (t.b.d.)
- 9) Report of the Regional Conference for the Near East (...2016) (t.b.d.)
- 10) Report on the Informal Conference for North America (...2016) (t.b.d.)

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- 11) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2016) (t.b.d.)

**Governance Matters**

- 12) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2016-19
- 13) Status of implementation of Council decisions

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<b>156<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council, April 2017</b>
<p><b>Programme, Budgetary, Financial and Administrative Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Review of the Medium Term Plan (2018-21) and Programme of Work and Budget (2018-2019) – Recommendation to Conference on budget level</li> <li>2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> <li>4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)</li> </ol>
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<p><b>Governance Matters</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6) Arrangements for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference (including tentative timetable) – Recommendations to Conference</li> <li>7) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2017-20</li> <li>8) Status of implementation of Council decisions</li> </ol>
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- 2) Report of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 3) Report of the Programme Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)
- 4) Report of the Finance Committee (...2017) (t.b.d.)

**Committee on World Food Security**

- 5) Report of the Committee on World Food Security (October 2017) (t.b.d.)

**Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters**

- 6) Report of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (...2017) (t.b.d.)

**Governance Matters**

- 7) Multi-year Programmes of Work of the
  - Finance Committee
  - Programme Committee
  - CCLM
  - Regional Conferences
  - Technical Committees
  - Council
- 8) Council Multi-year Programme of Work 2018-21
- 9) Status of implementation of Council decisions

**Other Matters**

- 10) World Food Programme:
  - i) Election of Six Members of the WFP Executive Board; and
  - ii) Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2016
- 11) Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
- 12) Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2019
- 13) Provisional Agenda for the following session of Council
- 14) Working Methods of Council



## Appendix D

### Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2014-15

	2014		2015	
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>152 FC</b>	<b>21-22</b>	15 CGRFA	19-23
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	WFP IFAD/GC <b>32 NERC</b>	10-11 17-21 <b>24-28</b>	WFP IFAD/GC <b>100 CCLM</b>	9-13 16-20 <b>23-25</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>32 APRC</b> <b>98 CCLM</b> <b>28 ARC</b>	<b>10-14</b> <b>17-19</b> <b>24-28</b>	<b>156 FC</b> <b>117 PC</b> <b>151 CL</b>	<b>9-13</b> <b>9-13</b> <b>23-27</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>29 ERC</b> IFAD/EB <b>2 INARC</b>	<b>1-4</b> 7- 11 <b>15-16</b>	IFAD/EB	20-24
<b>MAY</b>	<b>33 LARC</b> <b>153 FC</b> <b>154 FC</b> <b>115 PC</b>	<b>6-9</b> <b>12-14</b> <b>26-30</b> <b>26-30</b>	WFP	25-29
<b>JUNE</b>	WFP <b>31 COFI</b> <b>149 CL</b> <b>22 COFO</b>	3-6 <b>9-13</b> <b>16-20</b> <b>23-27</b>	<b>39 C</b> <b>152 CL</b>	<b>6-13</b> <b>15</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>37 CODEX</b>	<b>14-18 (Geneva)</b>	<b>38 CODEX</b>	<b>6-11 (Geneva)</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB <b>24 COAG</b>	15-19 <b>29/9-3/10</b>	IFAD/EB <b>101 CCLM</b>	14-18 <b>28-30</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>MM</b> <b>70 CCP</b> <b>41 CFS</b> <b>WFD</b> <b>99 CCLM</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7-9</b> <b>13-18</b> <b>16 (Thursday)</b> <b>20-23</b>	<b>42 CFS</b> <b>WFD</b> <b>157 FC</b> <b>118 PC</b>	<b>12-17</b> <b>16 (Friday)</b> <b>26-30</b> <b>26-30</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>155 FC</b> <b>116 PC</b> WFP <b>ICN2</b>	<b>3-7</b> <b>3-7</b> 10-14 <b>19-21</b>	WFP <b>153 CL</b>	9-13 <b>30/11-04/12</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>150 CL</b> IFAD/EB	<b>1-5</b> 15-19	IFAD/EB	7-11

Easter: 20 April 2014  
 Ramadan: 28 June – 27 July 2014  
 Eid Al-Fitr: 28 July 2014  
 Eid Al-Adha: 4 October 2014

Easter: 5 April 2015  
 Ramadan: 18 June – 16 July 2015  
 Eid Al-Fitr: 17 July 2015  
 Eid Al-Adha: 23 September 2015

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	FC	Finance Committee
C	Conference	ICN2	International Conference on Nutrition
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	INARC	Informal Regional Conference for North America
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CL	Council	MM	Ministerial Meeting
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	PC	Programme Committee
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFD	World Food Day
COFO	Committee on Forestry	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board





## PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (July 2013 - June 2015)

### Chairperson

Ms Cecilia Nordin  
Van Gansberghe  
(Sweden)

### Members

Afghanistan (Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)  
Algeria (Mr Mohamed Mellah)\*  
Argentina (Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)  
Austria (Ms Natalie Feistritz)  
Canada (Mr Eric Robinson)\*  
China (Mr Xia Jingyuan)

Ecuador (Mr José Antonio Carranza)  
Ethiopia (Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)  
India (Mr Vimlendra Sharan)  
New Zealand (Ms Fiona Duncan)\*  
Switzerland (Ms Christina Emma Grieder)  
Yemen (Mr Khalid Abdulrahman Al-Akwa)

\* Details of substitute representative available at:

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/programme-committee/substitute-representatives/en/>

## FINANCE COMMITTEE (July 2013 - June 2015)

### Chairperson

Mr Médi MOUNGUI  
(Cameroon)

### Members

Australia (Mr Matthew Worrell)\*  
Brazil (Mr Olyntho Vieira)\*  
Egypt (Mr Magdi Anwar Hassanein Hassan)\*  
Germany (Mr Georg Friedel Cramer)\*  
Guinea (Mr Abdoulaye Traore)  
Japan (Mr Hideya Yamada)

Mexico (Ms Emma María José Rodríguez Sifuentes)  
Morocco (Mr Fouzi Lekjaa)\*  
Pakistan (Mr Khalid Mehboob)  
Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)  
Sudan (Ms Abla Malik Osman)  
United States of America (Ms Natalie Brown)\*

\* Details of substitute representative available at:

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/finance-committee/substitute-representatives/en/>

## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (July 2013 - June 2015)

### Chairperson

Ms Mónica Martínez  
Menduiño (Ecuador)

### Members

Bangladesh (Mr Mafizur Rahman)  
Bulgaria (Mr Lubomir Ivanov)  
Iraq (Mr Abdulsatar Chiyad Al-Sudani)  
Liberia (Mr Mohammed Sheriff)

Papua New Guinea (Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe)  
United States of America (Mr Gregory S. Groth)  
Uruguay (Mr Oscar Gabriel Piñeyro Bentos)

## WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2014

### Term of office expiring

31 December 2014

### Elected by FAO Council

Belgium (D)<sup>1</sup>  
Brazil (C)  
Ghana (A)<sup>2</sup>  
Slovakia (E)  
Sweden (D)<sup>1</sup>  
Tunisia (A)

### Elected by ECOSOC

China (B)  
Czech Republic (E)  
Guatemala (C)  
Japan (D)  
United Kingdom (D)  
Zambia (A)

31 December 2015

Afghanistan (B)  
Italy (D)  
Mexico (C)  
Philippines (B)  
Uganda (A)  
United States of America (D)

India (B)  
Iraq (B)  
Netherlands (D)  
Russian Federation (E)  
Sierra Leone (A)  
Switzerland (D)

31 December 2016

Canada (D)  
Colombia (C)  
Equatorial Guinea (A)  
Germany (D)  
Saudi Arabia (B)  
South Africa (A)

Burundi (A)  
Cuba (C)  
Ethiopia (A)  
Norway (D)  
Pakistan (B)  
Spain (D)

<sup>1</sup> Belgium and Sweden stepped down from the WFP Executive Board on 31 December 2013 and were replaced by Australia and Luxembourg for the remainder of the term of office.

<sup>2</sup> This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List A (2012-2014), List B (2015-2017), List A (2018-2020) and List C (2021-2023).



## FAO MEMBERS

**194 Member Nations**  
**2 Associate Members**  
**1 Member Organization**

Afghanistan	Georgia	Papua New Guinea
Albania	Germany	Paraguay
Algeria	Ghana	Peru
Andorra	Greece	Philippines
Angola	Grenada	Poland
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	Portugal
Argentina	Guinea	Qatar
Armenia	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Korea
Australia	Guyana	Republic of Moldova
Austria	Haiti	Romania
Azerbaijan	Honduras	Russian Federation
Bahamas	Hungary	Rwanda
Bahrain	Iceland	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bangladesh	India	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Indonesia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belarus	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Samoa
Belgium	Iraq	San Marino
Belize	Ireland	Sao Tome and Principe
Benin	Israel	Saudi Arabia
Bhutan	Italy	Senegal
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Jamaica	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Japan	Seychelles
Botswana	Jordan	Sierra Leone
Brazil	Kazakhstan	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Kenya	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Kiribati	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Kuwait	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Kyrgyzstan	Somalia
Cabo Verde	Lao People's Democratic Republic	South Africa
Cambodia	Latvia	South Sudan
Cameroon	Lebanon	Spain
Canada	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Liberia	Sudan
Chad	Libya	Suriname
Chile	Lithuania	Swaziland
China	Luxembourg	Sweden
Colombia	Madagascar	Switzerland
Comoros	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic
Congo	Malaysia	Tajikistan
Cook Islands	Maldives	Thailand
Costa Rica	Mali	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Côte d'Ivoire	Malta	Timor-Leste
Croatia	Marshall Islands	Togo
Cuba	Mauritania	Tokelau
Cyprus	Mauritius	(Associate Member)
Czech Republic	Mexico	Tonga
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Monaco	Tunisia
Denmark	Mongolia	Turkey
Djibouti	Montenegro	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Morocco	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	Uganda
Ecuador	Myanmar	Ukraine
Egypt	Namibia	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Nauru	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Nepal	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Netherlands	United States of America
Estonia	New Zealand	Uruguay
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan
European Union (Member Organization)	Niger	Vanuatu
Faroe Islands (Associate Member)	Nigeria	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Fiji	Niue	Viet Nam
Finland	Norway	Yemen
France	Oman	Zambia
Gabon	Pakistan	Zimbabwe
Gambia	Palau	
	Panama	

