

REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL OF FAO

Hundred and Fifty-Second Session
Rome, 15 June 2015



COUNCIL

(as from 15 June 2015)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Wilfred J. Ngirwa

Afghanistan ²	Ethiopia ³	Morocco ¹
Algeria ²	France ²	Nicaragua ³
Angola ¹	Hungary ¹	Pakistan ²
Argentina ¹	Iceland ²	Republic of Korea ³
Australia ²	India ²	Russian Federation ¹
Brazil ¹	Indonesia ³	San Marino ³
Cameroon ²	Iran (Islamic Republic of) ¹	Saudi Arabia ²
Canada ¹	Iraq ¹	South Africa ¹
Chile ³	Italy ²	Spain ³
China ³	Japan ³	Sri Lanka ³
Congo ³	Kuwait ³	Thailand ³
Cuba ¹	Liberia ¹	Trinidad and Tobago ¹
Cyprus ³	Madagascar ¹	Turkey ¹
Czech Republic ²	Malaysia ²	United States of America ¹
Ecuador ²	Mali ²	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ³
Egypt ²	Mexico ¹	Zimbabwe ²
Equatorial Guinea ³		

¹ Term of office: end of 38th Session of Conference (June 2013) – 30 June 2016

² Term of office: 1 July 2014 – end of 40th Session of Conference (July 2017)

³ Term of office: end of 39th Session of Conference (June 2015) – 30 June 2018

COUNCIL

(as from 1 July 2016)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Wilfred J. Ngirwa

Afghanistan ¹	Ethiopia ²	Qatar ³
Algeria ¹	France ¹	Republic of Korea ²
Argentina ³	Germany ³	Romania ³
Australia ¹	Iceland ¹	Russian Federation ⁴
Benin ³	India ¹	San Marino ²
Brazil ³	Indonesia ²	Saudi Arabia ¹
Cameroon ¹	Japan ²	Sri Lanka ²
Canada ³	Kenya ³	Sudan ³
Chile ²	Kuwait ²	Thailand ²
China ²	Lesotho ³	Trinidad and Tobago ³
Congo ²	Malaysia ¹	United Kingdom ⁵
Côte d'Ivoire ³	Mali ¹	United States of America ³
Cyprus ²	Mexico ³	Uruguay ³
Czech Republic ¹	Montenegro ³	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ²
Ecuador ¹	Nicaragua ²	Zambia ³
Egypt ¹	Pakistan ¹	Zimbabwe ¹
Equatorial Guinea ²		

¹ Term of office: 1 July 2014 – end of 40th Session of Conference (July 2017)

² Term of office: end of 39th Session of Conference (June 2015) – 30 June 2018

³ Term of office: 1 July 2016 – end of the 41st Session of Conference (June 2019)

⁴ The Russian Federation to replace Italy from 1 July 2016 to the end of the 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017)

⁵ The United Kingdom to replace Spain from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018

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 2015-2016**

Introductory Items

1. The 152nd Session of the Council was held in Rome on 15 June 2015 under the chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

Adoption of the Agenda¹

2. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda for the Session. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons²

3. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for the Session: Mr Niu Dun (China), Ms Gerda Verburg (Netherlands) and Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone (Nicaragua).

Election of Committees

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee³

4. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Programme Committee for the period July 2015 – July 2017:

Chairperson:	Mr Serge Tomasi	(France)
Members:	Argentina	(Mr Claudio Javier Rozencwaig)
	Canada	(Mr Eric Robinson)
	Congo	(Mr Marc Mankoussou)
	Ecuador	(Mr José Antonio Carranza)
	Guinea	(Mr Mohamed Nassir Camara)
	India	(Mr Vimlendra Sharan)
	Japan	(Mr Osamu Kubota)
	Jordan	(Mr Fiesal Rasheed Salamh Al Argan)
	New Zealand	(Mr Matthew Hooper)
	Norway	(Mr Inge Nordang)
	Poland	(Mr Andrzej Halasiewicz)
	Yemen	(Mr Haytham Abdulmomen Shoja'aadin)

¹ CL 152/1; CL 152/PV/1

² CL 152/PV/1

³ CL 152/3; CL 151/LIM/1; CL 152/PV/1

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee⁴

5. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Finance Committee for the period July 2015 – July 2017:

Chairperson:	Mr Khalid Mehboob	(Pakistan)
Members:	Angola	(Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral)
	Australia	(Mr Matthew Worrell)
	Brazil	(Mr Antonio Otávio Sá Ricarte)
	China	(Mr Niu Dun)
	Egypt	(Mr Khaled El Taweel)
	Equatorial Guinea	(Mr Crisantos Obama Ondo)
	Germany	(Mr Heiner Thofern)
	Philippines	(Mr Lupino Lazaro Jr)
	Russian Federation	(Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)
	Sudan	(Ms Abla Malik Osman Malik)
	Trinidad and Tobago	(Mr John C.E. Sandy)
	United States of America	(Ms Natalie E. Brown)

Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters⁵

6. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters for the period July 2015 – July 2017:

Chairperson:	Mr Lubomir Ivanov	(Bulgaria)
Members:	Dominican Republic	(Mr Rawell Salomón Taveras Arbaje)
	Indonesia	(Mr Royhan Nevy Wahab)
	Liberia	(Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff)
	Papua New Guinea	(Mr Lawrence Kalinoe)
	San Marino	(Ms Daniela Rotondaro)
	Sudan	(Mr Osama Mahmoud Humeida)
	United States of America	(Ms April Cohen)

Other Matters

Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO⁶

7. Presentations were made on the following topics:
- Outcome of the 13th Meeting of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research Centres (CGIAR) Fund Council (Bogor, Indonesia, 28-30 April 2015);

⁴ CL 152/3; CL 152/LIM/2; CL 152/PV/1

⁵ CL 152/3; CL 152/LIM/3; CL 152/PV/1

⁶ CL 152/INF/3; CL 152/PV/1

- FAO's role in Pesticide Risk Reduction in International Fora;
- Outcome of the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (COP-7) (Geneva, 4-15 May 2015); and
- The 11th Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) (New York, 4-15 May 2015).

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-16⁷

8. The Council noted the revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions for 2015 and the Provisional Calendar for 2016, as reproduced in *Appendix C* to this Report.

Provisional Agenda for the 153rd Session of the Council (November-December 2015)⁸

9. The Council reviewed the draft Provisional Agenda for its 153rd Session.

Working Methods of the Council⁹

10. The Council noted the initiatives taken by the Secretariat to improve the methods of work of the Council.

⁷ CL 152/2; CL 152/PV/1

⁸ CL 152/INF/2; CL 152/PV/1

⁹ CL 152/INF/4; CL 152/PV/1

Appendix A
Agenda for the 152nd Session of the Council

Introductory Items

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons

Election of Committees

3. Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee
4. Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee
5. Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Other Matters

6. Matters Arising out of the Conference Session
7. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-16
8. Provisional Agenda for the 153rd Session of the Council (November-December 2015)
9. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
10. Working Methods of the Council
11. Any Other Matters

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 152/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 152/2	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-16
CL 152/3	Membership of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CL 152 INF Series	
CL 152/INF/1	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 152/INF/2	Provisional Agenda for the 153 rd Session of the Council (November-December 2015)
CL 152/INF/3	Developments in <i>Fora</i> of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 152/INF/4	Note on the Methods of Work of the Council
CL 152/INF/5	List of Documents
CL 152 LIM Series	
CL 152/LIM/1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee
CL 152/LIM/2	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee
CL 152/LIM/3	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Appendix C

Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2015-2016

	2015		2016	
JANUARY	15 CGRFA	19-23		
FEBRUARY	WFP IFAD/GC 100 CCLM	9-13 15-19 23-24	WFP IFAD/GC 34 LARC	8-12 15-19 29/2-4/3
MARCH	157 FC 117 PC 151 CL	9-13 9-13 23-27	33 APRC 102 CCLM 4 INARC	7-11 14-16 21-22
APRIL	IFAD/EB	20-24	29 ARC IFAD/EB 33 NERC	4-8 11-15 18-22
MAY	158 FC WFP	11-13 25-29	30 ERC 160 FC 119 PC WFP 154 CL	2-5 16-20 16-20 23-27 30/5 – 3/6
JUNE	39 C 152 CL	6-13 15	39 CODEX	27/6-2/7 (Rome)
JULY	38 CODEX	6-11 (Geneva)	32 COFI 23 COFO	11-15 18-22
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	14-18	IFAD/EB 25 COAG	19-23 26-30
OCTOBER	42 CFS WFD 101 CCLM	12-15 16 (Friday) 21-23	71 CCP WFD 43 CFS 103 CCLM	3-5 17 (Monday) 17-22 24-26
NOVEMBER	159 FC 118 PC WFP 153 CL	2-6 2-6 9-13 30/11-04/12	161 FC 120 PC WFP	7-11 7-11 14-18
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	14-18	155 CL IFAD/EB	5-9 12-16

Easter:	5 April 2015	Easter:	27 March 2016
Orthodox Easter:	12 April 2015	Orthodox Easter:	1 May 2016
Ramadan:	18 June – 16 July 2015	Ramadan:	6 June – 5 July 2016
Eid Al-Fitr:	17 July 2015	Eid Al-Fitr:	6 July 2016
Eid Al-Adha:	23 September 2015	Eid Al-Adha:	11 September 2016

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance Committee
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	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	PC	Programme Committee
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFD	World Food Day
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
(July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Serge Tomasi (France)

Members

Argentina (Mr Claudio Javier Rozencwaig)
Canada (Mr Eric Robinson)
Congo (Mr Marc Mankoussou)
Ecuador (Mr José Antonio Carranza)
Guinea (Mr Mohamed Nassir Camara)
India (Mr Vimlendra Sharan)

Japan (Mr Osamu Kubota)
Jordan (Mr Fiesal Rasheed Salamh Al Argan)
New Zealand (Mr Matthew Hooper)
Norway (Mr Inge Nordang)
Poland (Mr Andrzej Halasiewicz)
Yemen (Mr Haytham Abdulmomen Shoja'adin)

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Khalid Mehboob (Pakistan)

Members

Angola (Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral)
Australia (Mr Matthew Worrell)
Brazil (Mr Antonio Otávio Sá Ricarte)
China (Mr Niu Dun)
Egypt (Mr Khaled El Taweel)
Equatorial Guinea (Mr Crisantos Obama Ondo)

Germany (Mr Heiner Thofern)
Philippines (Mr Lupino Lazaro Jr.)
Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)
Sudan (Ms Abla Malik Osman Malik)
Trinidad and Tobago (Mr John C.E. Sandy)
United States of America (Ms Natalie Brown)

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS
(July 2015 - July 2017)

Chairperson

Mr Lubomir Ivanov (Bulgaria)

Members

Dominican Republic (Mr Rawell Salomón Taveras Arbaje)
Indonesia (Mr Royhan Nevy Wahab)
Liberia (Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff)
Papua New Guinea (Mr Lawrence Kalinoe)

San Marino (Ms Daniela Rotondaro)
Sudan (Mr Osama Mahmoud Humeida)
United States of America (Ms April Cohen)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2015

Term of office expiring

31 December 2015

Elected by FAO Council

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

Elected by ECOSOC

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)

31 December 2017

Australia (D)
Brazil (C)
Denmark (D)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)¹
Libya (A)
Poland (E)

Hungary (E)
Japan (D)
Panama (C)
Republic of Korea (B)²
Swaziland (A)
United Kingdom (D)

¹ This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List B (2015-2017), List A (2018-2020), List C (2021-2023).

² At the ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting on 12 April 2014 the Republic of Korea was elected to this seat as of 1 January 2015 and an agreement was reached whereby the Republic of Korea would stand down on 31 December 2015 and China would stand for the remainder of the term of office to 31 December 2017.

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	

