

REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL OF FAO

Hundred and Fifty-seventh Session
Rome, 10 July 2017



COUNCIL

(as from 10 July 2017)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Khalid Mehbhoob

Afghanistan ³	Estonia ⁴	Republic of Korea ¹
Algeria ³	Ethiopia ¹	Romania ²
Argentina ²	Finland ³	Saudi Arabia ³
Australia ³	Germany ²	South Africa ³
Benin ²	India ³	Spain ³
Brazil ²	Indonesia ¹	Sri Lanka ¹
Bulgaria ³	Italy ³	Sudan ²
Cabo Verde ³	Japan ¹	Thailand ³
Cameroon ³	Kenya ²	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ⁴
Canada ²	Kuwait ¹	Trinidad and Tobago ²
Chile ¹	Lesotho ²	United Kingdom ⁶
China ¹	Mexico ²	United States of America ²
Congo ¹	Montenegro ²	Uruguay ²
Côte d'Ivoire ²	Nicaragua ¹	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ⁴
Ecuador ³	Pakistan ³	Zambia ²
Egypt ³	Philippines ⁵	
Equatorial Guinea ¹	Qatar ²	

¹ Term of office: end of 39th Session of Conference (June 2015) – 30 June 2018

² Term of office: 1 July 2016 – end of 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019)

³ Term of office: end of 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017) – 30 June 2020

⁴ Term of office: end of 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017) – 30 June 2018

⁵ Philippines replaced Thailand from 1 January 2017 – 30 June 2018

⁶ United Kingdom replaced Spain from 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2018

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Congo ³	Philippines ³	Viet Nam ³
Côte d'Ivoire ¹	Qatar ¹	Zambia ¹
Ecuador ²	Republic of Korea ³	
Egypt ²	Romania ¹	

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

² Term of office: end of 40th Session of the Conference (July 2017) – 30 June 2020

³ Term of office: 1 July 2018 – end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021)

⁴ Term of office: 1 July 2018 – end of 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019)

⁵ Malaysia to replace Thailand from 1 January 2019 – 30 June 2020

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Introductory Items

1. The 157th Session of the Council was held in Rome on 10 July 2017 under the chairpersonship of Mr Khalid Mehboob, 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 Abdul Razak Ayazi (Afghanistan); Mr Imed Selatnia (Algeria); Mr Vlad Mustaciosu (Romania).

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 2017 – June 2019:

Chairperson:	Mr Hans Hoogeveen	(Netherlands)
Members:	Argentina	(Ms María Cristina Boldorini)
	Canada	(Ms Jennifer Fellows)
	Congo	(Mr Marc Mankoussou)
	Côte d'Ivoire	(Mr Kanga Kouamé)
	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	(Mr Shahin Ghorashizadeh)
	Japan	(Mr Toru Hisazome)
	Jordan	(Mr Fiesal Rasheed Salamh Al Argan)
	Malaysia	(Mr Muhammad Rudy Khairudin Mohd Nor)
	New Zealand	(Mr Matthew Hooper)
	Peru	(Ms Claudia Elizabeth Guevara de la Jara)
	Switzerland	(Mr François Pythoud)
	United Kingdom	(Ms Terri Sarch)

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 2017 – June 2019:

Chairperson:	Mr Lupiño Lazaro, Jr.	(Phillipines)
Members:	Angola	(Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral)
	Australia	(Ms Cathrine Stephenson)

¹ CL 157/1; CL 157/INF/1; CL 157/PV/1

² CL 157/PV/1

³ CL 157/3; CL 157/LIM/1; CL 157/PV/1

⁴ CL 157/3; CL 157/LIM/2; CL 157/PV/1

Bangladesh	(Mr Mafizur Rahman)
Brazil	(Mr Antonio Otávio Sá Ricarte)
China	(Mr Xie Jianmin)
Egypt	(Mr Khaled El Taweel)
Equatorial Guinea	(Mr Mateo Nsogo Nguere Micue)
Germany	(Mr Heiner Thofern)
Mexico	(Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma)
Russian Federation	(Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)
Sudan	(Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain Hamid Alamain)
United States of America	(Mr Thomas Duffy)

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 2017 – June 2019:

Chairperson:	Mr Godfrey Magwenzi	(Zimbabwe)
Members:	Fiji	(Mr Luke Daunivalu)
	Indonesia	(Mr Royhan Nevy Wahab)
	Jordan	(Mr Ali Albsoul)
	Lesotho	(Ms Lineo Irene Molise Mabusela)
	Nicaragua	(Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone)
	San Marino	(Ms Daniela Rotondaro)
	United States of America	(Ms Emily Katkar)

Other Matters

Matters Arising out of the Conference Session⁶

7. The Council noted that the matter regarding the sharing of mandates by Members nominated for Council seats would require review by governing bodies during the forthcoming biennium, including the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, supported by the Secretariat as required.

Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO⁷

8. Presentations were made on the following topics:
- International Conference on Halting Deforestation and Increasing Forest Area
 - FAO and the work on migration in global fora (Global Migration Group (GMG), Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), G7)

⁵ CL 157/3; CL 157/LIM/3 Rev.1; CL 157/PV/1

⁶ CL 157/PV/1

⁷ CL 157/INF/3; CL 157/PV/1

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-18⁸

9. The Council noted the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions for 2017 and the Provisional Calendar for 2018, as set out in *Appendix C* to this Report.

Provisional Agenda for the 158th Session of the Council (4-8 December 2017)⁹

10. The Council reviewed the draft Provisional Agenda for its 158th Session.

⁸ CL 157/2; CL 157/PV/1

⁹ CL 157/INF/2; CL 157/PV/1

Appendix A

Agenda for the 157th 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 2017-18
8. Provisional Agenda for the 158th Session of the Council (4-8 December 2017)
9. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
10. Any Other Matters

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 157/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 157/2	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-18
CL 157/3	Membership of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CL 157 INF Series	
CL 157/INF/1	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 157/INF/2	Provisional Agenda for the 158 th Session of the Council (December 2017)
CL 157/INF/3	Developments in <i>Fora</i> of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 157/INF/4	Note on the Methods of Work of the Council
CL 157 LIM Series	
CL 157/LIM/1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee
CL 157/LIM/2	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee
CL 157/LIM/3 Rev.1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Appendix C

Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2017-2018

	2017		2018	
JANUARY	16 CGRFA	30/1-3/2		
FEBRUARY	165 FC (WFP) IFAD/GC WFP	7-8 13-17 20-24	IFAD/GC 30 ARC WFP	12-16 19-23 26/2-2/3
MARCH	104 CCLM 166 FC 121 PC	13-15 27-31 27-31	35 LARC 106 CCLM	5-9 12-14
APRIL	IFAD/EB 156 CL	10-14 24-28	IFAD/EB 5 INARC 34 NERC	16-20 16-20 23-27
MAY	167 FC (WFP)	29-31	34 APRC 31 ERC* 169 FC 123 PC	30/4-4/5 14-18 21-25 21-25
JUNE	WFP	12-16	159 CL WFP	4-8 18-22
JULY	40 C 157 CL 40 CODEX	3-8 10 17-22 (Geneva)	41 CODEX 33 COFI 24 COFO	2-6 (Rome) 9-13 16-20
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	11-15	IFAD/EB 72 CCP	10-14 26-28
OCTOBER	44 CFS WFD 105 CCLM	9-13 16 (Monday) 23-25	26 COAG WFD 45 CFS 107 CCLM	1-5 16 (Tuesday) 15-20 22-24
NOVEMBER	168 FC 122 PC WFP	6-10 6-10 13-17	170 FC 124 PC WFP	12-16 12-16 19-23
DECEMBER	158 CL IFAD/EB	4-8 11-15	160 CL IFAD/EB	3-7 10-14

Easter:	16 April 2017	Easter:	1 April 2018
Orthodox Easter:	16 April 2017	Orthodox Easter:	8 April 2018
Ramadan:	27 May-24 June 2017	Ramadan:	16 May-14 June 2018
Eid Al-Fitr:	25 June 2017	Eid Al-Fitr:	15 June 2018
Eid Al-Adha:	1 September 2017	Eid Al-Adha:	22 August 2018

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 2017 - July 2019)

Chairperson

Mr Hans Hoogeveen
(Netherlands)

Members

Argentina (Ms María Cristina Boldorini)
Canada (Ms Jennifer Fellows)
Congo (Mr Marc Mankoussou)
Côte d'Ivoire (Mr Kanga Kouamé)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (Mr Shahin Ghorashizadeh)
Japan (Mr Toru Hisazome)

Jordan (Mr Fiesal Rasheed Salamh Al Argan)
Malaysia (Mr Muhammad Rudy Khairudin Mohd Nor)
New Zealand (Mr Matthew Hooper)
Peru (Ms Claudia Elizabeth Guevara de la Jara)
Switzerland (Mr François Pythoud)
United Kingdom (Ms Terri Sarch)

FINANCE COMMITTEE (July 2017 - July 2019)

Chairperson

Mr Lupiño Lazaro, Jr.
(Philippines)

Members

Angola (Mr Carlos Alberto Amaral)
Australia (Ms Cathrine Stephenson)
Bangladesh (Mr Mafizur Rahman)
Brazil (Mr Antonio Otávio Sá Ricarte)
China (Mr Xie Jianmin)
Egypt (Mr Khaled El Taweel)

Equatorial Guinea (Mr Mateo Nsogo Nguere Micue)
Germany (Mr Heiner Thofern)
Mexico (Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma)
Russian Federation (Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)
Sudan (Mr Sid Ahmed Alamain Hamid Alamain)
United States of America (Mr Thomas Duffy)

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (July 2017 - July 2019)

Chairperson

Mr Godfrey Magwenzi
(Zimbabwe)

Members

Fiji (Mr Luke Daunivalu)
Indonesia (Mr Royhan Nevy Wahab)
Jordan (Mr Ali Albsoul)
Lesotho (Ms Lineo Irene Molise Mabusela)

Nicaragua (Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone)
San Marino (Ms Daniela Rotondaro)
United States of America (Ms Emily Katkar)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2017

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2017

Australia (D)
Brazil (C)²
Denmark (D)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)³
Libya (A)
Poland (E)

China (B)¹
Hungary (E)
Japan (D)
Lesotho (A)⁴
Panama (C)⁵
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2018

Afghanistan (B)
Benin (A)⁶
Kuwait (B)
Peru (C)⁷
Switzerland (D)⁸
United States of America (D)

Bangladesh (B)
France (D)
India (B)
Liberia (A)
Netherlands (D)
Russian Federation (E)

31 December 2019

Argentina (C)
Canada (D)
Congo (A)
Germany (D)
Pakistan (B)
Zimbabwe (A)

Egypt (A)
Finland (D)
Mexico (C)⁹
Saudi Arabia (B)
Spain (D)
Sudan (A)

¹ The Republic of Korea resigned effective 31 December 2015 and the ECOSOC Council elected China to fill the seat from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

² Guatemala stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Brazil was elected to fill this seat from 1 January to 31 December 2017.

³ This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List B (2015-2017) held by Iran (Islamic Republic of), List A (2018-2020), List C (2021-2023).

⁴ At the ECOSOC Coordination and Management Meeting on 19 April 2017, Swaziland stepped down and Lesotho was endorsed to complete the remainder of the term from 20 April 2017 to 31 December 2017.

⁵ Guatemala stepped down from this seat on 31 December 2015 and Panama was endorsed to complete the remainder of the term from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

⁶ Mauritania stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Benin was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

⁷ Mexico stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Peru was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

⁸ Sweden stepped down on 31 December 2016 and Switzerland was elected to fill this seat from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

⁹ Mexico and Colombia reached an agreement to share an ECOSOC-elected seat with Mexico serving in 2017 and Colombia in 2018 and 2019.

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 (Associate Member)
Cyprus	Mauritius	Tonga
Czechia	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Tunisia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Monaco	Turkey
Denmark	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
Djibouti	Montenegro	Tuvalu
Dominica	Morocco	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	Ukraine
Ecuador	Myanmar	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Namibia	United Kingdom
El Salvador	Nauru	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	Nepal	United States of America
Eritrea	Netherlands	Uruguay
Estonia	New Zealand	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
European Union (Member Organization)	Niger	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Faroe Islands (Associate Member)	Nigeria	Viet Nam
Fiji	Niue	Yemen
Finland	Norway	Zambia
France	Oman	Zimbabwe
Gabon	Pakistan	
Gambia	Palau	
	Panama	

