

REPORT

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COUNCIL

(as from 1 July 2019)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Khalid Mehboob

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Austria ^{3, 13}	Ecuador ¹	Malaysia ⁵	South Sudan ⁴
Azerbaijan ⁷	Egypt ¹	Mexico ³	Sri Lanka ²
Bahamas ³	Equatorial Guinea ²	Monaco ⁹	Uganda ^{3, 18}
Belgium ³	Finland ¹	Myanmar ¹¹	United Kingdom ¹⁶
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Burkina Faso ³	Germany ⁸	Pakistan ¹	Zimbabwe ³
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* Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the postponement of the 164th Session of the Council, the composition of the Council membership for this Session was maintained as that foreseen for the Session as originally planned on 8-12 June 2020. This arrangement enabled Members to enjoy the rights that they would have enjoyed if the Council had been convened in June as originally scheduled (CL 164/2, para 25).

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Procedure of the Session

Introductory Items²

1. The 164th Session of the Council was held from 6 to 10 July 2020, under the Chairpersonship of Mr Khalid Mehboob, Independent Chairperson of the Council.
2. The Session was convened virtually, on an exceptional basis, in light of the global Covid-19 pandemic and associated public health concerns. This followed consultations pursuant to Rule XXV (paragraph 13) of the General Rules of the Organization (GROs), by the Director-General with the Independent Chairperson of the Council, Members of the Council, and with the Regional Groups of FAO.
3. The Council confirmed, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, that it agreed to the suspension of any rules incompatible with the virtual setting, specifically Rule II.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, which provides that each session of the Council shall be held at the seat of the Organization.

Statement by the Director-General³

4. The Director-General, Mr QU Dongyu, delivered a statement to Council.

Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable⁴

5. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda and Timetable for the Session, as amended.
6. The Council approved the special procedures outlined in Annex 3 to document CL 164/INF/5 Rev.1 *Note on the Methods of Work of the Council*.
7. 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 Committee⁵

8. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for its Session: Mr Jorge Federico Zamora Cordero (Costa Rica), Ms Lynn Marlar Lwin (Myanmar) and Ms Jennifer A. Harhigh (United States of America).
9. The Council elected Mr Benito Santiago Jiménez Sauma (Mexico) as Chairperson of the Drafting Committee with the following membership: Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Finland, Germany, India, the Russian Federation, South Sudan and the United States of America.

Programme of Work and Budget

Further Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21⁶

10. The Council expressed satisfaction with the Further Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2020-21, taking into consideration the guidance provided by the Programme and Finance Committees and their Joint Meeting at their sessions in June 2020, and appreciated the Information Notes provided by Management in response to their queries and feedback.
11. The Council supported the Director-General's vision for the Organization to be fit-for-purpose, modern, inclusive and agile, while preserving its technical capacity, in particular through a more

² CL 164/PV/1; CL 164/PV/8

³ CL 164/PV/1; CL 164/PV/8

⁴ CL 164/1; CL 164/INF/1; CL 164/INF/3; CL 164/INF/5 Rev.1; CL 164/PV/1; CL 164/PV/8

⁵ CL 164/PV/1; CL 164/PV/8

⁶ CL 164/3; CL 164/3 Information Notes 1-6; CL 164/3 Web Annexes 2 (Rev.1), 3 and 4; CL 164/5 para.9; CL 164/6 Rev.1 para.6; CL 164/7 paras.15-21; CL 164/PV/1; CL 164/PV/2; CL 164/PV/8

modular and flexible structure aiming to ensure efficiency, effectiveness and cross-sectoral collaboration.

12. The Council also welcomed the focus oriented on increasing efficiency, breaking silos by reducing bureaucracy and improving flexibility to respond to emerging needs and priorities, through innovative approaches.

13. The Council:

- a) welcomed the Director-General's vision of attaining zero hunger and improving the livelihoods of people through better production, better nutrition, better environment and a better life;
- b) appreciated the proposed adjustments remained within the overall approved budget level for 2020-21 of USD 1,005.6 million;
- c) took note of the additional information provided by the Director-General on reporting lines (CL 164/3 Information Note 5) which he would establish for the proposed organizational structure changes (Annex 1 of CL 164/3);
- d) noted the provision of CL 164/3 Information Note 3 on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative;
- e) supported the establishment and strengthening of the Centres, noting their strong collaboration function with other UN agencies and/or with International Financial Institutions (IFIs), and welcomed CL 164/3 Information Note 6 illustrating in more detail the work foreseen for the Joint FAO/WHO Centre (CODEX Food Standards, Zoonotic Diseases, and AMR) and the Joint FAO/IAEA Centre (Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture);
- f) welcomed confirmation that the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) would be fully involved in the Joint FAO/WHO Centre and that Members would be kept informed of the evolution of the Centre;
- g) welcomed the fact that resources and independence of the Secretariat of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, and of the Food Safety and Quality Unit in the new Food Systems and Food Safety division would be maintained within the new organisational structure, stressing the need for sustainable funding for the FAO/WHO food safety scientific advice programme and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC);
- h) requested that decentralized offices continue to receive full support by headquarters following the disbanding of the Office of Support to Decentralized Offices to ensure FAO's impact at the regional, subregional and country level;
- i) welcomed the creation of the new Office of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to coordinate corporate engagement and to assist Members in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development follow-up and review;
- j) supported the disbanding of the Strategic Programme Management teams;
- k) welcomed measures taken to strengthen the Office of the Inspector General (CL 164/3 Information Note 2), and urged prioritisation of sustainable funding for the Office within existing resources;
- l) noted that the FAO Internal Control Framework would require updating to reflect the outlined, organisational changes, and welcomed Management confirmation that the updated framework would be submitted to the External Auditor, the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee for their review;
- m) looked forward to updated information on the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), including its criteria for resource allocation on the ground, being submitted for review by the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in November 2020;
- n) supported focus on innovation, including all sustainable innovative approaches, and the use of digitalization in agriculture and new technologies, as core priorities for FAO;

- o) strongly supported FAO's focus on sustainable food systems and expanding partnerships including with the private sector;
- p) took note of the clarifications given by Management, including the Legal Counsel, that the new structure will be reviewed for any possible improvement, in consultation with Members and looked forward to the possibility of a review of the organisational structure following the approval by the 42nd Session of the Conference of the new Strategic Framework;
- q) reiterated the orientation provided by the 163rd Session of the Council on the need to take into account the priorities of all countries, including middle-income countries and upper-middle income countries (ref. CL 163/REP, para 7d)); and
- r) highlighted that voluntary contributions are critical for FAO's activities to expand on the ground in order to achieve SDG 2 and SDG 1, and their impact is enhanced when they are predictable and unearmarked.

14. The Council:

- a) approved the revised budgeted post establishment as reflected in CL 164/3 Web Annex 3, with the changes indicated in document CL 164/3 Information Note 2, and the structural changes as reflected in Annex 1 of CL 164/3;
- b) approved the revised distribution of the net appropriation by budgetary chapter as reflected in Table 3 of CL 164/3; and
- c) noted that further budgetary transfers that could arise as a result of requirements stemming from Covid-19, guidance from the Regional Conferences, further work planning, and from the most efficient and effective modalities of implementation during the biennium, would be handled in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.5.

Programme Implementation Report 2018-19⁷

15. The Council endorsed the findings of the Joint Meeting of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee and the 180th Session of the Finance Committee on the Programme Implementation Report (PIR) 2018-19, and in particular:

- a) welcomed the progress made in implementing the Programme of Work in 2018-19, and the 95 percent result achieved for Output indicator targets, while noting with concern that global progress towards SDG 2 remained off track;
- b) noted with appreciation the 7.2 percent increase in total expenditure compared to the preceding biennium;
- c) expressed its appreciation for the efficiency savings of USD 11.7 million achieved in 2018-19;
- d) appreciated the increase of 17 percent of voluntary contributions mobilised from resource partners in support of FAO's Programme of Work compared to the previous biennium, emphasised the importance of unearmarked voluntary contributions, and looked forward to the continuation of such trend *inter alia* through the Investment Centre by close cooperation with a broad range of partners, including the private sector;
- e) noted the reporting on the use of the 2016-17 carryover;
- f) noted with concern the underperformance in several Key Performance Indicators under Functional Objective 10 and requested Management to take remedial action;
- g) recognised the crucial role of FAO's normative and technical work, and requested FAO use multilaterally-agreed concepts and science- and evidence-based linkages in flagship publications;

⁷ C 2021/8; C 2021/8 Web Annexes 7 and 8; CL 164/5 paras.10-11; CL 164/PV/3; CL 164/PV/8

- h) recognised the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors, and the use of agroecology, sustainable intensification, no-till farming, and all other innovations and technologies to promote sustainable food systems;
 - i) stressed the importance of quality, while improving balance, in translations in FAO languages, in accordance with the principle of multilingualism at FAO, and the associated language service capacity within the Organization; and requested information from Management on how to further secure the principle of multilingualism in the Organization be presented to Members prior to the next Council Session;
 - j) appreciated FAO's work and activities in relation to climate change and encouraged FAO to continue its support to Members at their request to integrate, as appropriate, food security, nutrition and agriculture into their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement;
 - k) welcomed FAO's attention towards achieving sustainable food systems and as such, recalled that transformation of food systems should be encouraged in a coherent manner, as appropriate and according to, and dependent on, national contexts and capacities;
 - l) called for action from FAO to anchor its new Strategic Framework to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to provide guidance to Members;
 - m) noted with satisfaction the priority given by the Organization to the use of partnerships to enable it to leverage its comparative advantages, including through South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
 - n) welcomed progress in achieving equitable geographical representation of staff; and
 - o) appreciated the extensive presentation of lessons learned throughout the document as a valuable instrument in refining and enhancing the impact of the Organization's work.
16. The Council endorsed the Programme Implementation Report 2018-19, and recommended that it be submitted to the 42nd Session of the Conference in July 2021 for approval.

Reports of the Committees of the Council

Report of the Joint Meeting of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee and 180th Session of the Finance Committee (8, 12, 16 and 17 June 2020)⁸

17. The Council endorsed the Report of the Joint Meeting, and in particular:
- a) recalled the guidance of the 41st Session of the Conference on the use of the unspent balance of the 2018-19 biennial appropriation, appreciated the additional information received on the alternative uses, and approved the proposal on one-time uses of the unspent balances of the 2018-19 appropriations of USD 3.6 million contained in *Appendix B* of this report;
 - b) looked forward to receiving detailed expenditure information relating to the unspent balance from 2018-19 towards FAO's response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
 - c) noted that the systematic discussion on the use of unspent balances was ongoing and looked forward to reviewing this matter at its 165th Session following review by the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM) and the autumn session of the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees;
 - d) requested FAO update its action plan to prevent and respond to Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Authority Abuse, in response to the findings of the 2019-2020 Employee Satisfaction Survey, and looked forward to reviewing progress of this at its 165th Session.

⁸ CL 164/5; CL 164/5 Sup.1; CL 164/PV/3; CL 164/PV/4; CL 164/PV/8

Report of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee (8-18 June 2020)⁹

18. The Council endorsed the Report of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee, and in particular:

- a) concurred with the recommendations on the provisional outline of the FAO new Strategic Framework, and looked forward to input from the Regional Conferences and further refinement of the roadmap for consultation, including the formal process, which shall be supported by informal inclusive, transparent and Member-led consultations; stressed the importance of balancing normative work, technical cooperation, risk and crisis management, and investments within the Organization; supported the Committee's requests for further information on the theory of change, and change management strategy to be provided for consultation with Members in September 2020;
- b) requested that FAO's results framework focuses as much as possible on relevant SDG indicators for monitoring impact at country level, recognising that some of FAO's work will require monitoring outside the SDG framework;
- c) highlighted the need for technical matters to be addressed, in principle, in the relevant FAO Technical Committees prior to their discussion in the other Governing Bodies, over and beyond the informal consultations that may take place during the process;
- d) noted the large number of substantial issues included in the Report of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee and the time required by the Council to consider the report in a comprehensive manner, and requested the matter be considered by the established mechanism of informal meetings of the Independent Chairperson of the Council with Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the FAO Regional Groups (with silent observers), with a view to improving the working methods of the Council;
- e) welcomed the recommendations of the Evaluation of FAO's support to Zero Hunger (SDG 2) and, encouraged FAO to transform its Strategic Framework, structures, delivery mechanisms, partnership approaches and programmes in order to better support countries to achieve SDG 2, and stressed the importance of supporting countries to manage risks and attract investments in implementing the SDGs, including through the Hand-in-Hand Initiative;
- f) welcomed the significant progress made by the Organization in implementing the four recommendations of the Evaluation of FAO's contribution to the Eradication of Hunger, Food Insecurity and Malnutrition (SO1), and emphasised the focus on food systems to achieve food security and nutrition, and encouraged FAO to redesign its coordination at country level including with UN country teams to support the governments' efforts to achieve food security and sustainable food systems;
- g) welcomed the timely and thorough Evaluation of FAO's Statistical Work, highlighted the importance of FAO's statistical work at the country level, and stressed the need to regularly update Members on this work; and supported the requests of the Programme Committee that more net appropriation resources, and voluntary contributions and other resources, should be allocated to FAO's statistical work within the approved PWB 2022-23 in particular for capacity development, and looked forward to the updated strategy for FAO's statistical work;
- h) welcomed the proposal for strengthening evaluation in decentralized offices, and concurred with the importance of strengthening the evaluation capacity at regional and country offices and ownership at national level;
- i) stressed the importance of addressing Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), welcomed the update on the Work Plan of the Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for AMR that was signed by FAO, World Health Organization (WHO) and World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Managements, and the One Health approach as its key principle, requested that guidance from corresponding Technical Committees be provided to further

⁹ CL 164/6 Rev.1; CL 164/PV/4; CL 164/PV/5; CL 164/PV/6; CL 164/PV/8

improve, or change if needed, the proposed indicators on AMR in consultation with Members, and despite the absence of full agreement by all Members on the content of the MoU, emphasised that the forthcoming Work Plan of the Tripartite MoU be developed following a consultative process with the membership of the Tripartite organisations, and that its lifespan be defined in accordance with the complexity and broadness of the areas covered; and looked forward to the progress report on the creation of the new Joint FAO/WHO Centre to strengthen FAO's work on AMR and on zoonosis, in coordination with the OIE and underlined the need to avoid duplication of activities undertaken by other actors such as the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on AMR;

- j) welcomed the progress on efforts to eradicate *Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR)* within the FAO and OIE partnership, recognizing the potential funding gap resulting from the Covid-19 crisis and encouraged FAO to pursue more affordable solutions to mobilise resources, including through partnerships with the private sector and other stakeholders;
- k) acknowledged the importance of the livestock sector and its role in supporting Members in achieving the SDGs, and FAO's work in this respect, as well as the related matter before the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) pertaining to the creation of the subcommittee on livestock, and requested the discussion to move forward within COAG;
- l) appreciated the progress made in the implementation of the FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors, highlighted the need for the draft Action Plan to be reviewed by the relevant Technical Committees (Committee on Fisheries (COFI), Committee on Forestry (COFO) and COAG), as decided by the Council at its 163rd Session, before its review by the Programme Committee and subsequent submission for consideration by the Council, and recommended that the implementation period of the Action Plan be extended to three years;
- m) appreciated the inter-Regional Group joint statement on the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit, stressed the importance that preparation for the Summit to be transparent and inclusive, involving Members as well as other relevant stakeholders, and welcomed the creation of the informal "Group of Friends", which increased Members' contribution without duplication and overlaps to the formal governance structures for the preparation of the Summit;
- n) expressed its commitment to an ambitious science- and evidence-based outcome of the UN Food System Summit in 2021, requested FAO and invited other Rome-based Agencies to provide all necessary support to the Special Envoy and her team; underlined the importance of Committee on World Food Security (CFS)-agreed products to feed into the Summit discussions, and the follow-up process;
- o) welcomed the Hand-in-Hand Initiative (HIHI) as an innovative and efficient way to support Members' national planning priorities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, noting that full implementation with fifteen countries was underway; commended Management's agreement to provide capacity development to Members in order to access and use the HIHI Geospatial platform and appreciated that Members would benefit from this access, within the framework of a Member-reviewed FAO protocol on data control, use, and protection, and looked forward to regular reporting on progress made; and reiterated that the HIHI has clear and objective criteria for country selection and noted that the list of selected countries would be expanded according to defined criteria, taking into consideration emerging crises, such as the impact of Covid-19, as well as para 7d) of the Report of the 163rd Session of the Council; and stressed the need for HIHI to adapt to local dynamics, local practices, and national ownership;
- p) expressed appreciation for the Organization's essential role in the fight to prevent and control desert locust upsurges and emphasised the need to increase international cooperation and coordination in joint efforts and funding to monitor and fight the desert locust crisis and requested FAO to consider long-term strategies, including institutional capacity and benchmark research studies to avert its reappearance, and called on FAO to

continue its work on monitoring, early warning, control and coordination, and resource mobilization, and called on all Members to further contribute to control this plague according to their national capacities; and

- q) acknowledged that Members will be consulted in the development of the Transforming Food Systems to Feed the Planet without Deforestation initiative; stressed the interlinkage between food security and forestry, and agreed that COFO review the drivers of the expansion of agricultural land in light of sustainable forest management, and looked forward to further consultations with Members on the Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020 and the State of the World's Forests 2020 at the 25th Session of COFO; and requested FAO to prepare technical notes on the financial, and technical implications of elaborating an assessment of global forest resources comparing the positive and negative aspects of a two year and five year cycle, for the forthcoming session of the COFO; and encouraged FAO to continue to support Members in their efforts to protect, restore and sustainably manage forests including through reducing and reversing deforestation and access funding from platforms such as the Green Climate Fund.

Reports of the 179th (6-7 February 2020), 180th (8-17 June 2020) and 181st (3-5 June 2020) Sessions of the Finance Committee¹⁰

19. The Council endorsed the Reports of the 179th, 180th and 181st Sessions of the Finance Committee, and in particular:

- a) urged all Members to make payment of assessed contributions on time and in full;
- b) noted the Finance Committee's approval of the final budgetary transfers arising from the implementation of the 2018-19 Programme of Work;
- c) endorsed the Finance Committee's guidance to Management in its continuing efforts to enhance the Organization's human resources functions including: i) streamlined and merit-based selection and recruitment processes and procedures taking into consideration equitable geographical representation both for staff and consultants; ii) further measures for the promotion of gender parity in the Organization, in particular at senior level positions; iii) staff development and learning initiatives; and iv) measures to enable strengthened employee engagement;
- d) welcomed Management's commitment to prepare a detailed Human Resources (HR) Strategic Action Plan with specific timelines and results to be achieved to improve human resources management;
- e) urged Management to substantially reduce the increasingly high vacancy rate and a reduction in the number of consultancy contracts; put in place the new staff mobility programme; and pursue efforts for merit-based, equitable geographic representation including by reducing the number of non-, under-, and over-represented countries;
- f) reiterated the request of both the Finance Committee and the Council for further delegation of authority in line with GRO XXXVIII (5);
- g) appreciated the sharing of the highlights of the 2019-2020 Employee Satisfaction Survey in a transparent manner, and looked forward to the presentation of the full set of survey results and an action plan to address the issues identified at the November 2020 session of the Finance Committee;
- h) noted the Finance Committee's support for the appointment of Mr Mika Tapio to the position of Inspector General;
- i) asked for further improvements to strengthen the Office of the Inspector General and its operational independence by ensuring sustainable funding within existing resources for the Office and delegating to the Inspector General appropriate managerial responsibility and control over financial and human resources of the Office;

¹⁰ CL 164/4; CL 164/7; CL 164/8; CL 164/LIM/2; CL 164/PV/6; CL 164/PV/8

- j) endorsed the appointment of Ms Malika Ait-Mohamed Parent (Algeria) and Ms Hilary Wild (United Kingdom/Ireland) as members of the FAO Audit Committee for an initial period of three years;
- k) endorsed the proposed change in denomination of the FAO Audit Committee to FAO Oversight Advisory Committee;
- l) noted the Finance Committee's approval of the revised Charter for the Office of the Inspector General, including the further amendments to provide International Financing Institutions and other institutional resource partners with access to audit reports directly relevant to their voluntary contributions;
- m) requested Management to update the action plan to prevent and respond to harassment, sexual harassment and authority abuse in response to the findings of the 2019-2020 Employee Satisfaction Survey;
- n) recalled its guidance regarding the importance of maintaining TCP expenditure at the level to ensure full implementation of the TCP approved by the Conference; and looked forward to updated information on the TCP including its criteria for resource allocation on the ground, being submitted for review by the Joint Meeting of the Programme and Finance Committees in November 2020; and
- o) endorsed the Finance Committee's guidance provided on all other matters within its mandate, as well as initiatives to improve its own methods of work.

Report of the 110th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (28-29 May 2020)¹¹

20. The Council endorsed the Report of the 110th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (CCLM), and in particular:

- a) with regard to the issue of voting procedures under Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization, endorsed the CCLM's request to Management for the development of a draft code of conduct to facilitate further consultations by the Independent Chairperson of the Council and for consideration by the CCLM, with a view to having a draft code finalised prior to the 42nd Session of the Conference;
- b) agreed with the view of the CCLM that this code should address the candidates, Members and the Secretariat, be consistent with Rule XII at large and the General Rules of the Organization, and be developed through a member-led and participatory process;
- c) reaffirmed the importance of abiding by the provisions of Financial Regulation 4.2 and endorsed the CCLM's recommendation that it reconsider the matter and provide advice on legal arrangements, upon review by the Programme and Finance Committees of the technical and policy aspects of the use of unspent balances; and
- d) welcomed the Organization's voluntary adherence to the United Nations reporting system for allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Other Matters

International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture¹²

21. The Council endorsed the Reports of the 110th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, the 128th Session of the Programme Committee, and the Joint Meeting of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee and the 180th Session of the Finance Committee with respect to the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture, and in particular:

- a) welcomed the related document CL 164/9 including the comprehensive concept note;

¹¹ CL 164/2; CL 164/PV/6; CL 164/PV/8

¹² CL 164/9; CL 164/2 paras.18-21; CL 164/5 para.13; CL 164/6 Rev.1 para.17; CL 164/PV/6; CL 164/PV/8

- b) recognised the increasing importance of the application of digital technologies in food and agriculture, especially during the current Covid-19 crisis, and highlighted the potential of digital technology to achieve sustainable food systems, including to reduce the digital divide, strengthen the role of smallholder farmers, reduce inequalities and increase resilience, and promote access to all, including women and youth;
- c) stressed the importance of the proposed Platform's roles in strengthening synergies among stakeholders and promoting coordination, sharing of knowledge and good practices in the applications of digital technologies on food and agriculture;
- d) emphasised that the hosting of such a platform should not result in the creation of an autonomous legal entity nor a new FAO Governing Body but rather, in a flexible, light, inclusive and voluntary coordination mechanism supported by the Organization while complying with its rules, regulations, and procedures;
- e) agreed with the recommendation of the Programme Committee, and of its Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee, that the proposed Platform be called the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture;
- f) highlighted the importance of a solid funding concept based on voluntary contributions;
- g) stressed the importance of the protection of data and intellectual property rights;
- h) looked forward to periodic information on modality and structure of the Platform, including membership, governance and timeline for the establishment of the Platform;
- i) requested the term "FAO Members" be used to refer to "government(s)", and the deletion of the reference to the "Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)" from the proposal contained in CL 164/9;
- j) endorsed the proposal for hosting by FAO of the International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture; and
- k) requested review of the terms of reference for the Platform by the COAG, COFI, COFO, the Programme Committee and the FAO Council.

Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on food security and food systems¹³

22. The Council:

- a) expressed appreciation for the actions undertaken by the Organization to build international support for measures to contain and mitigate the impacts of Covid-19 pandemic on food security and nutrition associated with the most severe global economic recession;
- b) appreciated FAO's monitoring and coordination work on the effects of Covid-19 on food security, including evidence and scientific based analysis;
- c) welcomed FAO collaboration with global and regional forums, the UN development system, partner institutions, international financial institutions, the private sector, civil society and research institutions, while taking note in particular of the contribution of the Hand-in-Hand Initiative as a trigger and exemplar for more robust and dynamic partnership;
- d) expressed concern that multiple threats could combine to push hundreds of millions into hunger, poverty and acute food insecurity, reversing a decade or more of developmental progress;
- e) requested FAO to use its expertise in developing technical and economic cooperation in response to the Covid-19 crisis including for low- and middle- income countries, and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), with a view to improving living standards of people through sustainable and inclusive growth processes;

¹³ CL 164/10; CL 164/5 para.14; CL 164/6 Rev.1 para.18; CL 164/PV/6; CL 164/PV/7; CL 164/PV/8

- f) expressed its appreciation to FAO for the update on its efforts to mitigate Covid-19 related risks to its operations within the Organization's established corporate Risk Management Framework;
- g) noted the ongoing efforts to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on food security, including the collaboration of the African Union/FAO task force on food security and nutrition in Africa, and recommended that it should be discussed in the lead up to 2021 UNFSS as a holistic issue;
- h) encouraged FAO to include gender in its assessment of the Covid-19 crisis and its comprehensive response;
- i) emphasised the importance of the One Health approach to addressing zoonotic disease risks and AMR, and encouraged FAO to strengthen the tripartite collaboration between FAO, WHO and OIE in line with World Health Assembly Resolution WHA 73.1, *Covid-19 response*, and in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);
- j) endorsed FAO's priority commitment to keeping food supply chains operating in the best and most cost efficient way to combat hunger and malnutrition and also protect jobs and livelihoods;
- k) stressed the importance of scaling up social protection to preserve or restore food access for many hundreds of millions of people, and highlighted the importance of social protection to protect public health and reinforce the health response;
- l) encouraged FAO Management to consider ways within existing resources to strengthen country-level support in the coming months;
- m) expressed support for the programme of action outlined in FAO's proposed Umbrella Programme for a Comprehensive Response to Covid-19;
- n) called on FAO Members to mobilise the required voluntary contributions; and
- o) encouraged FAO to continue periodical global and regional assessment, monitoring, analysis and conduct webinars to disseminate the latest information among Members with emphasis on success stories and lessons learned to combat Covid-19 with regard to food security and food supply chain.

Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 163rd Session of the Council (2-6 December 2019)¹⁴

23. The Council took note of the status of implementation of decisions taken at its 163rd Session, and the explanations given by Management regarding comments made by Members in the written correspondence procedure.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-21¹⁵

24. The Council noted the provisional Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2020-21, as reproduced in *Appendix D* to this Report, and took note of the explanations given by Management regarding comments made by Members in the written correspondence procedure.

Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO¹⁶

25. The Council received Concept Notes on the following topics for information only:
- a) The UN Secretary-General's Data Strategy adopted by the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the implications for FAO;
 - b) The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020: Transforming food systems to deliver affordable healthy diets to all; and

¹⁴ CL 164/LIM/3; CL 164/PV/7; CL 164/PV/8

¹⁵ CL 164/LIM/1; CL 164/PV/7; CL 164/PV/8

¹⁶ CL 164/INF/4; CL 164/INF/4 Web Annexes 1-3; CL 164/PV/7; CL 164/PV/8

- c) The year 2020 as a ‘super year for nature’ and preparations for FAO’s participation in the UNSG’s Biodiversity Summit 2020 (New York, 22-23 September 2020).

Tentative Agenda for the 165th Session of the Council (30 November–4 December 2020)¹⁷

26. The Council endorsed the Tentative Agenda of its 165th Session (30 November-4 December 2020), as contained in CL 164/INF/2, and took note of the comments made by Members through the written correspondence procedure.

Appointment of a Representative of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee¹⁸

27. In accordance with Article 6(c) of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Council, on behalf of the Conference, confirmed the appointment to the Staff Pension Committee of Mr Guillermo Valentín Rodolico, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to FAO, replacing Ms María Cristina Boldorini, as member, until 31 December 2020, and as member from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2023.

Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies¹⁹

28. Ms Susan Murray made a statement on behalf of the FAO Staff Representative Bodies.

¹⁷ CL 164/INF/2; CL 164/PV/7; CL 164/PV/8

¹⁸ CL 164/LIM/4; CL 164/PV/7; CL 164/PV/8

¹⁹ CL 164/PV/7; CL 164/PV/8

Appendix A

Agenda for the 164th Session of the Council

Procedure of the Session

1. Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable: for decision (CL 164/1; CL 164/INF/1; CL 164/INF/3; CL 164/INF/5 Rev.1)
2. Election of three Vice-Chairpersons, and Designation of the Chairperson and Members of the Drafting Committee: *for decision*

Programme of Work and Budget

3. Further Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21: *for discussion and decision* (CL 164/3; CL 164/3 Information Notes 1 to 6; CL 164/3 WA2 Rev.1, CL 164/3 WA3; CL 164/3 WA4)
4. Programme Implementation Report 2018-19: *for discussion and/or decision* (C 2021/8; C 2021/8 WA7; C 2021/8 WA8)

Reports of the Committees of the Council

5. Report of the Joint Meeting of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee and 180th Session of the Finance Committee (8, 12, 16 and 17 June 2020): *for discussion and decision* (CL 164/5; CL 164/5 Sup.1)
6. Report of the 128th Session of the Programme Committee (8-18 June 2020): *for discussion and decision* (CL 164/6 Rev.1)
7. Reports of the 179th (6-7 February 2020), 180th (8-17 June 2020) and 181st (3-5 June 2020) Sessions of the Finance Committee: *for discussion and decision* (CL 164/4; CL 164/7; CL 164/8)
 - 7.1 Status of Current Assessments and Arrears (CL 164/LIM/2)
8. Report of the 110th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (28-29 May 2020): *for discussion and decision* (CL 164/2)

Other Matters

9. International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture: *for discussion and/or decision* (CL 164/9)
10. Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on food security and food systems: *for discussion and/or decision* (CL 164/10)
11. Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 163rd Session of the Council (2-6 December 2019): *for discussion and/or decision* (CL 164/LIM/3)
12. Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-21: *for information and/or decision* (CL 164/LIM/1)

13. Developments in *Fora* of Importance for the Mandate of FAO: *for information* (CL 164/INF/4; CL 164/INF/4 WA1 to WA3)
14. Tentative Agenda for the 165th Session of the Council (30 November-4 December 2020): *for discussion and/or decision* (CL 164/INF/2)
15. Any Other Matters
 - 15.1 Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee: *for decision* (CL 164/LIM/4)
 - 15.2 Statement by a Representative of the FAO Staff Bodies

Appendix B**One-time uses of the unspent balances of the 2018-19 biennial appropriations**

The one-time uses of the unspent balances of the 2018-19 biennial appropriations of USD 3.6 million are outlined in the following table:

Item		Amount in USD
1	<i>New proposal: Global food systems and food security – FAO's Comprehensive Response to COVID-19</i>	2.0
2	Digitalization improvements	0.6
3	Information security and geospatial data	0.3
4	Emergency Operations Centre	0.2
5	Security and crisis management control facilities	0.5
Total		3.6

Appendix C

List of Documents

CL 164/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 164/2	Report of the 110 th Session of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters (28-29 May 2020)
CL 164/3	Further Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21
CL 164/3 Information Note 1	CL 164/3 - Information Note 1 – June 2020 – Further Adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21
CL 164/3 Information Note 2	CL 164/3 - Information Note 2 – June 2020 – Further adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 - Evolution of budgeted posts by location and category (Table 2) and revised budgeted post establishment (Web Annex 3)
CL 164/3 Information Note 3	CL 164/3 - Information Note 3 – June 2020 – Further adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 - Hand-in-Hand Initiative – Key activities and resources
CL 164/3 Information Note 4	CL 164/3 Information Note 4 – June 2020 – Further adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 - Further information on budgetary shifts and revised budgeted post establishment
CL 164/3 Information Note 5	CL 164/3 Information Note 5 – June 2020 – Further adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 - Additional information on the proposed organizational structure (CL 164/3 Annex 1) and information on reporting lines
CL 164/3 Information Note 6	CL 164/3 Information Note 6 – June 2020 – Further adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2020-21 - Additional information on the Joint FAO/WHO Centre (CODEX Food Standards and Zoonotic Diseases) and the Joint FAO/IAEA Centre (Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture)
CL 164/3 WA2 Rev.1	Web Annex 2: Updated Results Framework 2020-21 – Strategic and Functional Objectives (Revised)
CL 164/3 WA3	Web Annex 3: Post count by grade group and organizational unit
CL 164/3 WA4	Web Annex 4: Further Adjustments to 2020-21 net appropriation by organizational unit
CL 164/4	Report of the 181 st Session of the Finance Committee (3-5 June 2020)
CL 164/5	Report of the Joint Meeting of the 128 th Session of the Programme Committee and the 180 th Session of the Finance Committee (8, 12, 16 and 17 June 2020)
CL 164/5 Sup.1	Use of the Unspent Balance of the 2018-19 Biennial Appropriation
CL 164/6 Rev.1	Report of the 128 th Session of the Programme Committee (8-18 June 2020)
CL 164/7	Report of the 180 th Session of the Finance Committee (8-17 June 2020)

CL 164/8	Report of the 179 th Session of the Finance Committee (6-7 February 2020)
CL 164/9	International Platform for Digital Food and Agriculture
CL 164/10	Impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on food security and food systems

C 2021 Series

C 2021/8	Programme Implementation Report 2018-19
C 2021/8 WA7	Web Annex 7: Regional Dimensions Results
C 2021/8 WA8	Web Annex 8: Unscheduled and Cancelled Sessions

CL 164 INF Series

CL 164/INF/1	Provisional Timetable
CL 164/INF/2	Tentative Agenda for the 165 th Session of the Council (30 November-4 December 2020)
CL 164/INF/3	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 164/INF/4	Developments in <i>Fora</i> of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 164/INF/4 WA1	Web Annex 1: The UN Secretary-General's Data Strategy adopted by the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the implications for FAO
CL 164/INF/4 WA2	Web Annex 2: The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020: Transforming food systems to deliver affordable healthy diets to all
CL 164/INF/4 WA3	Web Annex 3: The year 2020 as a 'super year for nature' and preparations for FAO's participation in the UNSG's Biodiversity Summit 2020 (New York, 22-23 September 2020)
CL 164/INF/5 Rev.1	Note on the Methods of Work of the Council

CL 164 LIM Series

CL 164/LIM/1	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-21
CL 164/LIM/2	Status of Current Assessments and Arrears as at 29 June 2020
CL 164/LIM/3	Status of Implementation of Decisions taken at the 163 rd Session of the Council (2-6 December 2019)
CL 164/LIM/4	Appointment of Representatives of the FAO Conference to the Staff Pension Committee

Other Documents

List of Delegates and Observers

CL 164/Draft Report Draft Report of Plenary

CL 164 PV Series

CL 164/PV/1 to Verbatim Records of Plenary

CL 164/PV/8

CL 164 OD Series

CL 164/OD/1 to Orders of the Day

CL 164/OD/5

Appendix D

Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2020-2021

	2020		2021	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	179 FC (WFP) IFAD/GC WFP	6-7 10-14 24-28	34 COFI* 47 CFS* IFAD/GC WFP	1-5 8-12 15-19 22-26
MARCH			18 CGRFA 112 CCLM 73 CCP* 184 FC 130 PC 166 CL	1-5 8-10 10-12 22-26 22-26 29/3-2/4
APRIL	IFAD/EB*	20-23	IFAD/EB	19-23
MAY	110 CCLM*	28-29		
JUNE	181 FC (WFP) WFP 180 FC* 128 PC*	3-5 29/6-3/7 8-17 8-17	WFP	21-25
JULY	CL 164*	6-10	44 CODEX 42 C 167 CL	5-9 (Geneva) 12-16 19
AUGUST	35 NERC*	24-26		
SEPTEMBER	35 APRC* IFAD/EB 31 ARC* 32 ERC* 43 CODEX* 27 COAG	1-4 7-11 14-18 21-23 24-25 28/9-2/10	IFAD/EB	13-17
OCTOBER	25 COFO* 43 CODEX* (cont'd) CFS* WFD 36 LARC* INARC* 111 CCLM 182 FC (WFP)	5-9 12 13-15 16 19-21 22-23 26-28 29-30	48 CFS WFD 113 CCLM	11-15 15 (Friday) 25-27
NOVEMBER	183 FC 129 PC WFP 165 CL	9-13 9-13 16-20 30/11-4/12	185 FC 131 PC WFP 168 CL	8-12 8-12 15-19 29/11-3/12
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	7-11	IFAD/EB	13-17

(*) Change compared to Calendar submitted to the previous Council session

Easter:	12 April 2020	Easter:	4 April 2021
Orthodox Easter:	19 April 2020	Orthodox Easter:	2 May 2021
Ramadan:	24 April – 23 May 2020	Ramadan:	13 April – 12 May 2021
Eid Al-Fitr:	24 May 2020	Eid Al-Fitr:	13 May 2021
Eid Al-Adha:	31 July 2020	Eid Al-Adha:	20 July 2021

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

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WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2020

Term of office expiring

Elected by FAO Council

Elected by ECOSOC

31 December 2020

Algeria (A)
Brazil (C)
Denmark (D)¹
Equatorial Guinea (A)²
Norway (D)¹
Poland (E)

China (B)
Guatemala (C)
Hungary (E)
Japan (D)
Lesotho (A)
United Kingdom (D)

31 December 2021

Côte d'Ivoire (A)³
India (B)⁴
Kuwait (B)⁵
Netherlands (D)
Peru (C)⁶
United States of America (D)

Austria (D)⁹
Burkina Faso (A)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Republic of Korea (B)
Sweden (D)
Russian Federation (E)

31 December 2022

Angola (A)⁷
Argentina (C)⁸
Canada (D)
Germany (D)
Saudi Arabia (B)
Somalia (A)

Australia (D)
Burundi (A)
Cuba (C)
Madagascar (A)
Spain (D)
Turkmenistan (B)

¹ Denmark and Norway replaced Belgium and Ireland for the remainder of their respective terms from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.

² Rotating seat occupied by a country of List A (2018-2020) held by Equatorial Guinea.

³ Côte d'Ivoire replaced Nigeria from 1 January 2020 until December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁴ India replaced Afghanistan from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁵ Kuwait and Afghanistan reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Kuwait serving in 2019 and 2020 and Afghanistan serving in 2021.

⁶ Peru replaced Mexico from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat.

⁷ Angola and South Africa reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Angola serving in 2020 and 2021 and South Africa serving in 2022.

⁸ Argentina and Dominican Republic reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Argentina serving in 2020 and Dominican Republic serving in 2021 and 2022.

⁹ Austria replaced Switzerland for the remainder of its term from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021.

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194 Member Nations
2 Associate Members
1 Member Organization

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