

REPORT

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Hundred and Sixty-seventh Session

29 June 2021



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

COUNCIL

(as from the end of the 42nd Session of the Conference)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Hans Hoogeveen

Afghanistan ²	Canada ¹	Indonesia ³	Russian Federation ⁴
Angola ¹	Chile ³	Israel ⁶	Saudi Arabia ²
Argentina ¹	China ³	Italy ⁷	South Africa ²
Australia ²	Congo ³	Japan ³	Spain ^{3,9}
Bahamas ¹	Costa Rica ¹	Kuwait ³	Sudan ⁵
Bangladesh ³	Egypt ²	Luxembourg ⁴	Sweden ²
Belarus ³	Equatorial Guinea ³	Mexico ¹	Thailand ^{2,8}
Belgium ¹	Eritrea ²	Nicaragua ³	Tunisia ²
Bosnia and Herzegovina ³	Ethiopia ³	Pakistan ²	United States of America ¹
Brazil ¹	France ⁴	Peru ³	Zimbabwe ¹
Burkina Faso ¹	Guatemala ⁴	Philippines ³	
Burundi ⁵	Guinea ¹	Qatar ¹	
Cameroon ⁴	India ²	Republic of Korea ³	

¹ Term of office: end of the 41st Session of the Conference (June 2019) to 30 June 2022

² Term of office: 1 July 2020 – end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

³ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – 30 June 2024

⁴ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

⁵ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – 30 June 2022

⁶ Israel replaced Austria from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022

⁷ Italy replaced France 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022

⁸ Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2022 to the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

⁹ United Kingdom will replace Spain from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024

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Australia ¹	Egypt ¹	Kenya ³	Saudi Arabia ¹
Bahamas ³	Equatorial Guinea ²	Kuwait ²	Slovenia ³
Bangladesh ²	Eritrea ¹	Luxembourg ⁴	South Africa ¹
Belarus ²	Ethiopia ²	Malaysia ^{1,5}	Sweden ¹
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	France ⁴	Mauritania ³	Tunisia ¹
Brazil ³	Germany ³	Mexico ³	United Kingdom ^{2,6}
Cameroon ⁴	Guatemala ⁴	Nicaragua ²	United States of America ³
Canada ³	Guinea ³	Pakistan ¹	
Chile ²	India ¹	Peru ²	
China ²	Indonesia ²	Philippines ²	

¹ Term of office: 1 July 2020 – end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

² Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (2021) – 30 June 2024

³ Term of office: 1 July 2022 – end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

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⁵ Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2022 to the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023)

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Introductory Items¹

1. The 167th Session of the Council was held on 29 June 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Hans Hoogeveen, 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.
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.

Adoption of the Agenda²

4. The Council noted the Declaration of Competence and Voting Rights presented by the European Union and adopted the Agenda for the Session.
5. The Council approved the special procedures outlined in Section II of document CL 167/INF/3, *Methods of Work for the 167th Session of the Council*.
6. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons³

7. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for the Session: Ms Maria de Fatima Jardim (Angola); Mr Mohamed Elmouataz Osman (Sudan); Ms Alison Storsve (United States of America).

Election of Committees

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee⁴

8. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Programme Committee for the period July 2021 – July 2023:

Chairperson:	Ms Yael Rubinstein	(Israel)
Members:	Argentina	(Mr Carlos Bernardo Cherniak)
	Brazil	(Mr Fernando José Marroni de Abreu)
	Canada	(Mr Maarten de Groot)
	China	(Mr Ni Hongxing)
	France	(Ms Delphine Babin-Pelliard)
	India	(Mr Bommakanti Rajender)
	Iraq	(Mr Zaid Al-Ani)
	Mali	(Ms Traoré Halimatou Koné)
	New Zealand	(Mr Donald Syme)
	Norway	(Mr Morten Aasland)
Sudan	(Ms Saadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak)	
Zambia	(Mr Kayoya Masuhwa)	

¹ CL 167/PV/1

² CL 167/1; CL 167/INF/1; CL 167/INF/3; CL 167/PV/1

³ CL 167/PV/1

⁴ CL 167/3; CL 167/LIM/1; CL 167/PV/1

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee⁵

9. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Finance Committee for the period July 2021 – July 2023:^{6,7}

Chairperson:	Ms Imelda Smolcic	(Uruguay)
Members:	Australia	(Ms Lynda Hayden)
	Egypt	(Mr Haitham Abdelhady)
	Ethiopia	(Mr Kaba Urgessa Dinssa)
	Japan	(Mr Kuraya Yoshihiro)
	Mexico	(Mr Miguel García Winder)
	Niger	(Ms Rahila Rabiou Tahirou)
	Panama	(Mr Tomás Duncan Jurado)
	Russian Federation	(Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov)
	Saudi Arabia	(Mr Mohammed M. Alghamdi)
	Sweden	(Ms Pernilla Ivarsson)
	Thailand	(Mr Thanawat Tiensin)
	United States of America	(Ms Jennifer Harhigh)

Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters⁸

10. 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 2021 – July 2023:

Chairperson:	Ms Alison Storsve	(United States of America)
Members:	Afghanistan	(Mr Khaled Ahmad Zekriya)
	Algeria	(Ms Lamia Ben Redouane)
	Canada	(Ms Julie Emond)
	Fiji	(Mr Esala Nayasi)
	Nicaragua	(Ms Mónica Robelo Raffone)
	Philippines	(Ms Nina P. Cainglet)
	Slovakia	(Ms Zora Weberova)

⁵ CL 167/3; CL 167/LIM/2; CL 167/PV/1

⁶ Two Members (Canada and United States of America) chose to disassociate from consensus on the election of Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation) as a member of the Finance Committee; CL 167/PV/1

⁷ Four Members (Belarus, China, Ethiopia and Russian Federation) rebutted the disassociation of Canada and United States of America of the election of Mr Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation); CL 167/PV/1

⁸ CL 167/3; CL 167/LIM/3; CL 167/PV/1

Other Matters

Matters Arising out of the Conference Session⁹

11. The Council considered matters arising out of the 42nd Session of the Conference, and noted in this regard that:
- a) a comprehensive review on the process for reinstating voting rights for Member Nations in arrears would be reviewed by the appropriate Governing Bodies, including the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters, and supported by a process of informal consultations led by the Independent Chairperson of the Council with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups;
 - b) informal consultations on a Code of Conduct for Voting would continue, led by the Independent Chairperson of the Council, with a view to preparing a text to be submitted for consideration by the 43rd Session of the Conference;
 - c) it would consider a comprehensive review for the possible use of an online voting system, following Membership consultations under the leadership of the Independent Chairperson of the Council;
 - d) the Report of the 18th Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture would be taken up at its 168th Session;
 - e) Conference guidance on the Strategic Framework 2022-31, and the Medium Term Plan 2022-25/Programme of Work and Budget 2022-23 *inter alia* on the relationship between the Four Betters and the Sustainable Development Goals;
 - f) further review of the FAO Climate Change Strategy; and
 - g) review of implementation of guidance relating to multilingualism.

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22¹⁰

12. The Council took note of the Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies for 2021-22, as reproduced in *Appendix C* to this Report. In this regard, the Council noted that the 2022 informal Regional Conference for North America was expected to take place in April 2022 subject to confirmation.

Tentative Agenda for the 168th Session of the Council (November-December 2021)¹¹

13. The Council endorsed the Tentative Agenda for its 168th Session as amended, including a dedicated item on the Food Coalition.

⁹ CL 167/PV/1

¹⁰ CL 167/2; CL 167/PV/1

¹¹ CL 167/INF/2; CL 167/PV/1

Appendix A

Agenda for the 167th 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 2021-22
8. Tentative Agenda for the 168th Session of the Council (November-December 2021)
9. Any Other Matters

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 167/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 167/2	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2021-22
CL 167/3	Membership of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CL 167 INF Series	
CL 167/INF/1	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 167/INF/2	Tentative Agenda for the 168th Session of the Council (November-December 2021)
CL 167/INF/3	Note on the Methods of Work of the Council
CL 167 LIM Series	
CL 167/LIM/1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee
CL 167/LIM/2	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee
CL 167/LIM/3	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 2021-22

	2021		2022	
JANUARY	73 CCP 184 FC (WFP)	22 28-29		
FEBRUARY	34 COFI 47 CFS IFAD/GC 73 CCP (cont'd) WFP	1-5 8-11 15-19 19 22-24	36 NERC IFAD/GC 32 ARC WFP	7-11 14-18 21-25 28/2-4/3
MARCH	112 CCLM 74 CCP 185 FC 130 PC	8-10 10-12 22-26 22-26	36 APRC 114 CCLM 37 LARC	8-11 21-23 28/3-1/4
APRIL	IFAD/EB 166 CL	19-23 26/4-1/5	INARC IFAD/EB	TBC 25-29
MAY			33 ERC 189 FC 132 PC	10-13 16-20 16-20
JUNE	48 CFS 186 FC (WFP) 42 C WFP 167 CL	4 7-9 14-18 21-25 29	190 FC (WFP) 169 CL WFP 45 CODEX (Rome)	1-3 13-17 20-24 27/6-1/7
JULY			75 CCP 28 COAG	13-15 18-22
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB 18 CGRFA	13-17 27/9-1/10	35 COFI IFAD/EB	5-9 12-16
OCTOBER	49 CFS WFD 113 CCLM 187 FC (WFP)	11-15 15 (Friday) 25-27 28-29	26 COFO WFD 50 CFS 115 CCLM 191 FC (WFP)	3-7 17 (Monday) 17-21 24-26 27-28
NOVEMBER	188 FC 131 PC 44 CODEX WFP 168 CL	8-12 8-12 8-13 (Geneva) 15-19 29/11-3/12	192 FC 133 PC WFP	7-11 7-11 14-18
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	13-17	170 CL IFAD/EB	5-9 12-16

Easter: 4 April 2021
 Orthodox Easter: 2 May 2021
 Ramadan: 13 April – 12 May 2021
 Eid Al-Fitr: 13 May 2021
 Eid Al-Adha: 20 July 2021

Easter: 17 April 2022
 Orthodox Easter: 24 April 2022
 Ramadan: 2 April – 1 May 2022
 Eid Al-Fitr: 2 May 2022
 Eid Al-Adha: 10 July 2022

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 2021 - July 2023)

Chairperson

Ms Yael Rubinstein
(Israel)

Members

Argentina (Mr Carlos Bernardo Cherniak)
Brazil (Mr Fernando José Marroni de Abreu)
Canada (Mr Maarten de Groot)
China (Mr Ni Hongxing)
France (Ms Delphine Babin-Pelliard)
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New Zealand (Mr Donald Syme)
Norway (Mr Morten Aasland)
Sudan (Ms Saadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak)
Zambia (Mr Kayoya Masuhwa)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(July 2021 - July 2023)

Chairperson

Ms Imelda Smolcic
(Uruguay)

Members

Australia (Ms Lynda Hayden)
Egypt (Mr Haitham Abdelhady)
Ethiopia (Mr Kaba Urgessa Dinssa)
Japan (Mr Kuraya Yoshihiro)
Mexico (Mr Miguel García Winder)
Niger (Ms Rahila Rabiou Tahirou)

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Saudi Arabia (Mr Mohammed M. Alghamdi)
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COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

(July 2021 - July 2023)

Chairperson

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(United States of America)

Members

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WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2021

Term of office expiring

31 December 2021

Elected by FAO Council

Afghanistan (B)¹
Côte d'Ivoire (A)²
India (B)³
Netherlands (D)
Peru (C)⁴
United States of America (D)

Elected by ECOSOC

Burkina Faso (A)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Italy (D)¹⁰
Republic of Korea (B)
Russian Federation (E)
Sweden (D)

31 December 2022

Angola (A)⁵
Canada (D)
Dominican Republic (C)⁶
Germany (D)
Saudi Arabia (B)
Somalia (A)

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

31 December 2023

Brazil (C)⁷
Denmark (D)
Guatemala (C)^{8,9}
Hungary (E)
Morocco (A)
Norway (D)

China (B)
Japan (D)
Lesotho (A)
Mexico (C)
Poland (E)
United Kingdom (D)

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

² Côte d'Ivoire replaced Nigeria from 1 January 2020 until December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

³ India replaced Afghanistan from 1 January 2020 until 31 December 2021 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

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

⁵ 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.

⁶ Dominican Republic replaced Argentina from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2022 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

⁷ Brazil and Guatemala reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Brazil serving in 2021 and 2022 and Guatemala serving in 2023.

⁸ Rotating seat occupied by a country of List C (2021-2023) held by Guatemala.

⁹ Guatemala and Argentina reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Guatemala serving in 2021 and Argentina serving in 2022 and 2023.

¹⁰ Italy replaced Austria from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021 after Austria resigned its seat.

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
Banladesh	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	Sweden
China	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Colombia	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
Comoros	Malawi	Tajikistan
Conqo	Malaysia	Thailand
Cook Islands	Maldives	Timor-Leste
Costa Rica	Mali	Toqo
Côte d'Ivoire	Malta	Tokelau
Croatia	Marshall Islands	(Associate Member)
Cuba	Mauritania	Tonga
Cyprus	Mauritius	Trinidad and Tobago
Czechia	Mexico	Tunisia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Micronesia	Turkey
Democratic Republic of the Conqo	(Federated States of)	Turkmenistan
Denmark	Monaco	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Monqolia	Uqanda
Dominica	Montenegro	Ukraine
Dominican Republic	Morocco	United Arab Emirates
Ecuador	Mozambique	United Kingdom
Egypt	Myanmar	United Republic of Tanzania
El Salvador	Namibia	United States of America
Equatorial Guinea	Nauru	Uruguay
Eritrea	Nepal	Uzbekistan
Estonia	Netherlands	Vanuatu
Eswatini	New Zealand	Venezuela
Ethiopia	Nicaragua	(Bolivarian Republic of)
European Union	Niger	Viet Nam
(Member Organization)	Nigeria	Yemen
Faroe Islands	Niue	Zambia
(Associate Member)	North Macedonia	Zimbabwe
Fiji	Norway	
Finland	Oman	
France	Pakistan	
Gabon	Palau	
Gambia	Panama	