

REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL OF FAO

Hundred and Seventy-third Session
10 July 2023



Food and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations

COUNCIL

(as from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Hans Hoogeveen

Afghanistan ³	Costa Rica ²	Kenya ²	Qatar ²
Angola ²	Côte d'Ivoire ²	Kuwait ¹	Republic of Korea ¹
Argentina ²	Croatia ^{1,4}	Lesotho ³	Saudi Arabia ³
Australia ³	Egypt ³	Lithuania ^{2,7}	Slovenia ^{2,8}
Bahamas ²	Equatorial Guinea ¹	Mauritania ²	Spain ^{3,9}
Bangladesh ¹	Ethiopia ¹	Mexico ²	Sudan ^{2,10}
Belarus ¹	Georgia ^{3,5}	Morocco ³	Thailand ^{3,11}
Brazil ²	Germany ^{2,6}	Nicaragua ¹	Uganda ³
Cameroon ³	Guinea ²	Norway ³	United Kingdom ^{1,12}
Canada ²	India ³	Pakistan ³	United States of America ²
Chile ¹	Indonesia ¹	Panama ³	
China ¹	Italy ³	Peru ¹	
Congo ¹	Japan ¹	Philippines ¹	

¹ Term of office: end of the 42nd Session of the Conference (June 2021) to 30 June 2024

² Term of office: 1 July 2022 to end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

³ Term of office: end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2026

⁴ Croatia replaced Bosnia and Herzegovina from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2024

⁵ Switzerland will replace Georgia from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference to 30 June 2026

⁶ France will replace Germany from 1 July 2024 until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁷ Lithuania replaced Israel from the end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁸ Ukraine will replace Slovenia from 1 July 2024 to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

⁹ The United Kingdom will replace Spain from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) to 30 June 2026

¹⁰ Sudan replaced Iraq for the remainder of its term (from the end of 43rd Session of the Conference to the end of the 44th Session of the Conference) as Iraq was deemed to have resigned in accordance with Rule XXII.7 GRO.

¹¹ Malaysia will replace Thailand from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2026

¹² The United Kingdom replaced Spain from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024

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Angola ¹	Costa Rica ¹	Italy ²	Philippines ³
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Cameroon ²	Guatemala ³	Mexico ¹	Uganda ²
Canada ¹	Guinea ¹	Morocco ²	Ukraine ^{1,8}
Chile ³	Iceland ³	Netherlands (Kingdom of the) ³	United Republic of Tanzania ³
China ³	India ²	Norway ²	United States of America ¹
		Pakistan ²	

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

² Term of office: end of the 43rd Session of the Conference (2023) to 30 June 2026

³ Term of office: 1 July 2024 to the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027)

⁴ Peru will replace Ecuador from 1 January 2026 until the end of the 45th Session of the Conference (2027)

⁵ Switzerland will replace Georgia from the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025) to 30 June 2026

⁶ France will replace Germany from 1 July 2024 until the end of the 44th Session of the Conference (2025)

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Introductory Items¹

1. The 173rd Session of the Council was held on 10 July 2023 under the Chairpersonship of Mr Hans Hoogeveen, Independent Chairperson of the Council.
2. The Session was convened in a hybrid modality, on an exceptional basis without creating a precedent, with some representatives attending in person at FAO headquarters, and others participating virtually.
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 hybrid 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 methods of work outlined in document CL 173/INF/2, *Methods of Work for the 173rd Session of the Council*.
6. The Agenda is given in *Appendix A* to this Report.

Election of three Vice-Chairpersons³

7. The Council elected one Vice-Chairperson for the Session: Mr Youssef Balla (Morocco)

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 2023 – June 2025:

Chairperson:	Ms Yael Rubinstein	(Israel)
Members:	Argentina	(Mr Carlos Bernardo Cherniak)
	Brazil	(Ms Carla Barroso Carneiro)
	Canada	(Mr Maarten de Groot)
	Japan	(Mr Kuraya Yoshihiro)
	Malaysia	(Mr Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Wahab)
	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	(Mr Marcel Beukeboom)
	New Zealand	(Ms Jenny Reid)
	South Africa	(Ms Nosipho Nausca Jean Jezile)
	Sudan	(Ms Sadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak)
	Switzerland	(Ms Krisztina Bende)
	United Republic of Tanzania	(Ms Jacqueline Boniface Mbuya)

¹ CL 173/PV/1

² CL 173/1; CL 173/INF/1; CL 173/INF/2; CL 173/PV/1

³ CL 173/PV/1

⁴ CL 173/3; CL 173/LIM/1 Rev.1; CL 173/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 2023 – June 2025:

Chairperson:	Mr Mina Rizk	(Egypt)
Members:	Australia	(Ms Emma Hatcher)
	China	(Mr LI Bo)
	Congo	(Mr Bienvenu Ntsouanva)
	Dominican Republic	(Ms Berioska Morrison González)
	India	(Mr Jujjavarapu Balaji)
	Kuwait	(Mr Sultan Alotaibi)
	Mexico	(Mr Miguel Jorge García Winder)
	Morocco	(Mr Abdellah Larhmaid)
	Oman	(Ms Fadia Aljamal)
	Sweden	(Ms Pernilla Ivarsson)
	United Kingdom	(Mr Christopher Mace)
	United States of America	(Mr Rodney M. Hunter)

Election of the Chairperson and seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters⁶

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 2023 – June 2025:

Chairperson:	Ms Celine Jurgensen	(France)
Members:	Australia	(Ms Emma Hatcher)
	Canada	(Ms Julie Émond)
	Indonesia	(Mr Purna Cita Nugraha)
	Luxembourg	(Ms Marie-Lise Stoll)
	Senegal	(Mr Madiagne Tall)
	Sudan	(Mr Sayed Altayeb Ahmed)
	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	(Ms Haifa Aissami Madah)

⁵ CL 173/3; CL 173/LIM/2 Rev.1; CL 173/PV/1; CL 173/PV/2

⁶ CL 173/3; CL 173/LIM/3; CL 173/PV/1; CL 173/PV/2

Other Matters

Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions⁷

11. The Council took note of the discussion relating to the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions.

Matters arising out of the 43rd Session of the Conference⁸

12. The Council noted matters arising from the 43rd Session of the Conference, in particular the adjustments to the Programme of Work and Budget 2024-25, and looked forward to their review at its 174th Session.

⁷ CL 173/PV/1

⁸ CL 173/PV/1

Appendix A

Agenda for the 173rd 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 43rd Session of the Conference
7. Any Other Matters
 - 7.1 Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions

Appendix B

List of Documents

CL 173/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 173/3	Membership of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
CL 173 INF Series	
CL 173/INF/1	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 173/INF/2	Methods of Work for the 173rd Session of the Council
CL 173 LIM Series	
CL 173/LIM/1 Rev.1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee
CL 173/LIM/2 Rev.1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee
CL 173/LIM/3	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (July 2023 - June 2025)

Chairperson

Ms Yael Rubinstein
(Israel)

Members

Argentina (Mr Carlos Bernardo Cherniak)
Brazil (Ms Carla Barroso Carneiro)
Canada (Mr Maarten de Groot)
Japan (Mr Kuraya Yoshihiro)
Malaysia (Mr Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Wahab)
Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (Mr Marcel Beukeboom)
New Zealand (Ms Jenny Reid)
South Africa (Ms Nosipho Nausca Jean Jezile)
Sudan (Ms Saadia Elmubarak Ahmed Daak)
Switzerland (Ms Krisztina Bende)
United Republic of Tanzania (Ms Jacqueline Boniface Mbuya)

FINANCE COMMITTEE (July 2023 - June 2025)

Chairperson

Mr Mina Rizk
(Egypt)

Members

Australia (Ms Emma Hatcher)
China (Mr LI Bo)
Congo (Mr Bienvenu Ntsouanva)
Dominican Republic (Ms Berioska Morrison González)
India (Mr Jujjavarapu Balaji)
Kuwait (Mr Sultan Alotaibi)
Mexico (Mr Miguel Jorge García Winder)
Morocco (Mr Abdellah Larhmaid)
Oman (Ms Fadia Aljamal)
Sweden (Ms Pernilla Ivarsson)
United States of America (Mr Rodney M. Hunter)
United Kingdom (Mr Christopher Mace)

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS (July 2023 - June 2025)

Chairperson

Ms Celine Jurgensen
(France)

Members

Australia (Ms Emma Hatcher)
Canada (Ms Julie Émond)
Indonesia (Mr Purna Cita Nugraha)
Luxembourg (Ms Marie-Lise Stoll)
Senegal (Mr Madiagne Tall)
Sudan (Mr Sayed Altayeb Ahmed)
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (Ms Haifa Aissami Madah)

WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023

Term of office expiring

31 December 2023

Elected by FAO Council

Argentina (C)^{1,2}
Guatemala (C)³
Hungary (E)
Ireland (D)⁴
Italy (D)⁴
Morocco (A)

Elected by ECOSOC

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

31 December 2024

Bangladesh (B)⁵
Kuwait (B)⁶
Netherlands (D)
Peru (C)
Senegal (A)
United States of America (D)

France (D)
Ghana (A)
India (B)
Republic of Korea (B)
Russian Federation (E)
Sweden (D)

31 December 2025

Brazil (C)
Canada (D)
Gabon (A)⁷
Germany (D)
Kenya (A)
Saudi Arabia (B)

Australia (D)
Ethiopia (A)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) (B)
Mauritania (A)
Panama (C)
Spain (D)

¹ Rotating seat occupied by a country of List C (2021-2023) held by Argentina.

² Argentina replaced Guatemala from 1 January 2022 having reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat.

³ 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.

⁴ Denmark and Norway respectively reached an agreement with Ireland and Italy to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Ireland and Italy serving in 2023.

⁵ Bangladesh and Iran reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Bangladesh serving from 1 January 2022 until 31 December 2023 and Iran occupying the seat from 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024.

⁶ Iran and Kuwait reached an agreement to share an FAO Council elected seat, with Iran serving from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and Kuwait occupying the seat from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.

⁷ Gabon and Chad reached an agreement to share an FAO Council-elected seat, with Gabon serving from 1 January 2023 until 30 June 2024 and Chad occupying the seat from 1 July 2024 until 31 December 2025.

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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
Denmark	(Federated States of)	Türkiye
Djibouti	Monaco	Turkmenistan
Dominica	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Dominican Republic	Montenegro	Uganda
Ecuador	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Mozambique	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Myanmar	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	Namibia	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Nauru	United States of America
Estonia	Nepal	Uruguay
Eswatini	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	New Zealand	Vanuatu
European Union	Nicaragua	Venezuela
(Member Organization)	Niger	(Bolivarian Republic of)
Faroe Islands	Nigeria	Viet Nam
(Associate Member)	Niue	Yemen
Fiji	North Macedonia	Zambia
Finland	Norway	Zimbabwe
France	Oman	
Gabon	Pakistan	