



Announcements

144th Session of the FAO Council

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Provisional List of Participants	<p>A limited number of print outs of the <u>Provisional</u> List of Participants will be available from the morning of Wednesday 13 June 2012 at the Documents Desk, Korean Conference Service Centre (1st Floor, Building A) for the purpose of checking the accuracy of entries. Participants from countries whose language of communication is Arabic are invited to check the way their names have been translated into Arabic. Participants are requested to submit any corrections or amendments to the Documents Desk, for inclusion in the final list, which will be uploaded to the Council Web page. Only registered participants will appear on the list.</p>
Documents of the Council	<p>Council documentation can be downloaded at http://www.fao.org/bodies/council/cl144/en/ A very limited quantity of documents will be available during the Council at the Documents Desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre (1st Floor, Building A).</p>
Bilateral meeting rooms	<p>A number of bilateral meeting rooms are available for use by delegations on an hourly basis. (Please refer to Room A276, Extension 53770).</p>
Electronic system to request the floor	<p>Delegates who wish to make an intervention are requested to press the red button on their desk. The light will continue flashing until the delegate has taken the floor. The order of speakers will be automatically displayed on the screen behind the podium. By pressing the red button again delegates may withdraw their request.</p>
Travel facilities (flight reservation and reconfirmation)	<p>Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT), the official travel agency of the Organization is located on the Ground Floor of Building D (Room D-074) and is open from 09.00 to 17.00 hours. For further information, participants may contact CWT on extension number 55970 (or 06 57055970 from outside FAO) or by e-mail: faotravel@cwtbook.it. For emergency requirements outside business hours, CWT offers a 24 Hour Emergency Service dedicated to providing traveller assistance (Tel: from within Italy 800 871932; and +44 208 7579000 from all other countries and mobile phones).</p>
Medical services	<p>For medical emergencies, participants should dial 30 from in-house telephones or 06-57053400 from outside FAO Headquarters. For other medical services, participants may call extension 53577 from in-house telephones (06-5705-3577 from outside FAO Headquarters). They may also go directly to the Medical Service (1st Floor, Building B) during working hours of the Council. For urgent medical assistance outside the working hours, participants are requested to call 118 or <i>Guardia Medica/Doctors-on-Call</i> on 06 570600 or use the services of the hotel doctor.</p>
Banking and currency exchange facilities	<p>The <i>Banca Intesa San Paolo</i> is located on the ground floor, Building B, and is open from 08.35 hours to 16.35 hours. The <i>Banca Popolare di Sondrio</i> is located on the ground floor, Building D (D-016), and is open from 08:30 to 16:30 hours. Cash dispensers (ATM) for credit card withdrawals are located at the entrance of both Banks, and from the Post Office, which is on the left of <i>Banca Intesa San Paolo</i>.</p>
Estonian Contact Centre (ECC)	<p>The Centre was inaugurated at the 37th Session of the Conference in 2011 and is located at the bottom of the flight of stairs to the Iran Room (B016). The ECC provides two videophones equipped with Skype technology to enable free video calls to be made anywhere in the world.</p>

Media assistance for Permanent Representatives during the council	The Office of Corporate Communications and External Relations (OCE) informs Delegates to Council that OCEM can provide technical support and facilities for radio and TV interviews in the studios of the Angola Radio and Television Center (Room A300) from 9:00 to 17:30. Requests should be directed, with as much advance warning as possible, to Mehdi Drissi, Chief of the Media Relations Branch, OCEM (Mehdi.Drissi@fao.org / +39 06 570 56479).
Catering facilities	<p>The FAO Headquarters offers the following dining and snack bar facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building B 8th floor - Cafeteria Terrace: from 11.45 to 14.30 hours • Building C 8th floor - FAO Restaurant Menu à la Carte: from 12.00 to 14.30 hours (<i>reservation suggested ext.56823 - tel.06-57056823</i>) • Building B 8th floor - Bar B: from 09.00 to 15.00 hours. • Building C 8th floor - Blue Bar: from 07.30 to 17.00 hours. • Building A Ground floor - Polish Bar: from 07.30 until the end of the daily session. • Building D Ground floor - Bar D: from 07.30 to 17.00 hours. <p>Bancomat and credit cards are accepted at the Restaurant, Polish Bar and Blue Bar.</p> <p>Vending machines and water dispensers: in various locations throughout the building.</p>
Environment friendly Council	<p>Participants are invited to note the following eco-friendly services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council documents have been printed double-sided on 100% recycled paper. • All documents have been printed in a limited number of copies. Participants are encouraged to consult documents on line (via WiFi access and internet stations) and to think twice before requesting extra copies. • As an alternative to plastic-bottles, drinking water has been provided inside the Red Room and in the corridors.

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Side Events

Monday, 11 June 2012	Quinoa tasting event 13.00 hours, Indonesia Room (8th Floor, Building B)
Tuesday, 12 June 2012	IMPACT – Turning knowledge into action – Introducing focus areas through success stories 13.00-14.00 hours, Iran Room (B016)
Tuesday, 12 June 2012	Briefing on the Second High-Level Round Table on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (at Rio+20 on 21 June 2012) after Council rises from its afternoon/evening meeting, Red Room
Wednesday, 13 June 2012	Rotterdam Convention: Care for a future without risk. Sharing information on hazardous pesticides in international trade 13.00-14.00 hours, Iran Room (B016)
Friday 15 June 2012	Launch of the book “Lo que la tierra nos da” – Results of the cooperation between FAO, Bolivia and Italy for the conservation of genetic resources 12.00-13.00 hours, Sheikh Zayed Centre (Atrium)