

REPORT

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Hundred and Forty-seventh Session
Rome, 24 June 2013



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(as from 24 June 2013)

Independent Chairperson of the Council: Mr Wilfred J. Ngirwa

Afghanistan ¹	Eritrea ²	Morocco ³
Algeria ¹	France ¹	Pakistan ¹
Angola ³	Gabon ²	Philippines ²
Argentina ³	Germany ²	Poland ¹
Australia ¹	Guinea ¹	Portugal ²
Bangladesh ²	Hungary ³	Republic of Korea ²
Brazil ³	India ¹	Russian Federation ³
Cameroon ¹	Indonesia ¹	Saudi Arabia ¹
Canada ³	Iran (Islamic Republic of) ³	South Africa ³
Chile ²	Iraq ³	Thailand ²
China ²	Italy ¹	Togo ¹
Congo ²	Japan ²	Trinidad and Tobago ³
Cuba ³	Jordan ²	Turkey ³
Denmark ¹	Liberia ³	United Kingdom ²
Ecuador ¹	Madagascar ³	United States of America ³
Egypt ¹	Mexico ³	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ²
El Salvador ²		

¹ Term of office: 1 December 2011 – 30 June 2014

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Cuba ²	Liberia ²	United Kingdom ¹
Czech Republic ³	Madagascar ²	United States of America ²
Ecuador ³	Mali ³	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) ¹
Egypt ³	Malaysia ³	Zimbabwe ³
El Salvador ¹		

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Introductory Items

1. The 147th Session of the Council was held in Rome on 24 June 2013 under the chairpersonship of Mr Wilfred Ngirwa, Independent Chairperson of the Council.

Adoption of the Agenda ¹

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-Chairpersons ²

3. The Council elected three Vice-Chairpersons for the Session: Mr Hideya Yamada (Japan), Mr Hassan Abouyoub (Morocco) and Mr Bandar Abdulmuhsin bin Shalhoob (Saudi Arabia).

Election of Committees

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Programme Committee ³

4. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Programme Committee for the period July 2013 – June 2015:

Chairperson:	Ms Cecilia Nordin Van Gansberghe	(Sweden)
Members:	Afghanistan	(Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)
	Algeria	(Mr Mohamed Mellah)
	Argentina	(Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)
	Austria	(Ms Natalie Feistritzer)
	Canada	(Mr Eric Robinson)
	China	(Mr Xia Jingyuan)
	Ecuador	(Mr José Antonio Carranza)
	Ethiopia	(Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)
	India	(Mr Vimlendra Sharan)
	New Zealand	(Ms Fiona Duncan)
	Switzerland	(Ms Christina Emma Grieder)
	Yemen	(Mr Khalid Abdulrahman Al-Akwa)

¹ CL 147/1; CL 147/INF/1; CL 147/PV/1

² CL 147/PV/1

³ CL 147/LIM/1; CL 147/PV/1

Election of the Chairperson and Twelve Members of the Finance Committee ⁴

5. In conformity with the General Rules of the Organization, the Council elected the following to the Finance Committee for the period July 2013 – June 2015:

Chairperson:	Mr Médi MOUNGUI	(Cameroon)
Members:	Australia	(Mr Matthew Worrell)
	Brazil	(Mr Olyntho Vieira)
	Egypt	(Mr Magdi Anwar Hassanein Hassan)
	Germany	(Mr Georg Friedel Cramer)
	Guinea	(Mr Abdoulaye Traore)
	Japan	(Mr Hideya Yamada)
	Mexico	(Ms Emma María José Rodríguez Sifuentes)
	Morocco	(Mr Fouzi Lekjaa)
	Pakistan	(Mr Khalid Mehboob)
	Russian Federation	(Mr Vladimir V. Kuznetsov)
	Sudan	(Ms Abla Malik Osman)
	United States of America	(Ms Natalie Brown)

Election of the Chairperson and Seven Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters ⁵

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 2013 – June 2015:

Chairperson:	Ms Mónica Martínez Menduño	(Ecuador)
Members:	Bangladesh	(Mr Mafizur Rahman)
	Bulgaria	(Mr Lubomir Ivanov)
	Iraq	(Mr Abdulsatar Chiyad Al-Sudani)
	Liberia	(Mr Mohammed S. Sheriff)
	Papua New Guinea	(Mr Lawrence Kuna Kalinoe)
	United States of America	(Mr Gregory S. Groth)
	Uruguay	(Mr Oscar Gabriel Piñeyro Bentos)

⁴ CL 147/LIM/2; CL 147/PV/1

⁵ CL 147/LIM/3; CL 147/PV/1

Other Matters

Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO⁶

7. Presentations were made on the following topics:
- Outcome of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Geneva, 28 April-10 May 2013)
 - Voices of the Hungry (London, 8 June 2013)
 - Global Oceans Action Summit
 - UN System Participation in Expo Milano 2015 (Milan, 1 May-31 October 2015)
 - Tenth Session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (Istanbul, 8-19 April 2013)
 - *Fora* on Agricultural Innovation

Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2013-14⁷

8. The Council noted the revised Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions for 2013 and the Provisional Calendar for 2014, as reproduced in *Appendix C* to this Report.

Provisional Agenda for the 148th Session of the Council (December 2013)⁸

9. The Council reviewed the draft Provisional Agenda for its 148th Session and agreed to add two items on i) FAO's work in Social Protection, and on ii) Report of the First Meeting of the Plenary Assembly of the Global Soil Partnership (Rome, 11 and 12 June 2013).

Working Methods of the Council⁹

10. The Council heard proposals from Members concerning: i) the length of Council sessions; ii) elections and votes; iii) briefings for new Council Members; iv) Drafting Committees. The Chairperson pointed out that these issues could be discussed further informally before the 148th Session of Council (2-6 December 2013).

Any Other Matters¹⁰

11. The Council was given an update on the Desert Locust emergency situation In Madagascar.

⁶ CL 147/INF/3 Rev.1; CL 147/PV/1

⁷ CL 147/2 Rev.1; CL 147/PV/1

⁸ CL 147/INF/2 Rev.1; CL 147/PV/1

⁹ CL 147/PV/1

¹⁰ CL 147/PV/1

Appendix A
Agenda for the 147th 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 2013-14
8. Provisional Agenda for the 148th Session of the Council (December 2013)
9. Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
10. Working Methods of the Council
11. Any Other Matters

Appendix B
List of Documents

CL 147/1	Provisional Agenda
CL 147/2 Rev.1	Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions 2013-14
CL 147/3	Membership of the Programme Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
 CL 147 INF Series	
CL 147/INF/1	Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States
CL 147/INF/2 Rev.1	Provisional Agenda for the 148 th Session of the Council (December 2013)
CL 147/INF/3 Rev.1	Developments in Fora of Importance for the Mandate of FAO
CL 147/INF/4	List of Documents
CL 147/INF/5	Application for Membership to the Finance and Programme Committees
 CL 147 LIM Series	
CL 147/LIM/1	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Programme Committee
CL 147/LIM/2	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Finance Committee
CL 147/LIM/3	Election of the Chairperson and Members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters

Appendix C
Provisional Calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP Governing Bodies and other
Main Sessions 2013-2014

	2013		2014	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	IFAD/GC WFP	11-15 18-22	WFP IFAD/GC NERC 32	10-14 17-21 23-27
MARCH	CCLM 96 FC 148 PC 113	4-6 18-22 18-22	APRC 32 CCLM 98 ARC 28	10-14 17-19 24-28
APRIL	IFAD/EB CL 146	8-12 22-26	ERC 29 IFAD/EB INARC 2 LARC 33	1-4 7-11 15-16 22-25
MAY	FC (WFP) 149	27-28	FC 151 PC 115	26-30 26-30
JUNE	WFP C 38 CL 147	3-7 15-22 24	WFP COFI 31 CL 149 COFO 22	3-6 9-13 16-20 23-27
JULY	CODEX 36	1-5 (Rome)	37 CODEX	14-18 (Geneva)
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	16-20	IFAD/EB COAG 24	15-19 29/9-3/10
OCTOBER	CFS 40 WFD CCLM 97	7-11 16 (Wednesday) 21-23	CCP 70 CFS 41 WFD CCLM 99	6-8 13-17 16 (Thursday) 20-22
NOVEMBER	WFP FC 150 PC 114 ICN/TC	4-8 11-15 11-15 13-15	FC 152 PC 116 WFP ICN2	3-7 3-7 10-14 19-21
DECEMBER	CL 148 IFAD/EB	2-6 9-13	CL 150 IFAD/EB	1-5 15-19

Easter:	31 March	Easter:	20 April
Ramadan:	9 July-7 August	Ramadan:	28 June – 27 July
Eid Al-Fitr:	8 August	Eid Al-Fitr:	28 July
Eid Al-Adha:	15 October	Eid Al-Adha:	4 October

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	ICN2	International Conference on Nutrition
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	IFAD/AC	IFAD Audit Committee
C	Conference	IFAD/EC	IFAD Evaluation 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
CL	Council	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	PC	Programme Committee
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFD	World Food Day
COFO	Committee on Forestry	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board
ERC	Regional Conference for Europe		
FC	Finance Committee		

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

(July 2013 - June 2015)

Chairperson

Ms Cecilia Nordin
Van Gansberghe (Sweden)

Members

Afghanistan (Mr Abdul Razak Ayazi)
Algeria (Mr Mohamed Mellah)
Argentina (Mr Gustavo Oscar Infante)
Austria (Ms Natalie Feistritz)
Canada (Mr Eric Robinson)
China (Mr Xia Jingyuan)

Ecuador (Mr José Antonio Carranza)
Ethiopia (Mr Abreha G. Aseffa)
India (Mr Vimlendra Sharan)
New Zealand (Ms Fiona Duncan)
Switzerland (Ms Christina Emma Grieder)
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

(July 2013 - June 2015)

Chairperson

Mr Médi MOUNGUI
(Cameroon)

Members

Australia (Mr Matthew Worrell)
Brazil (Mr Olyntho Vieira)
Egypt (Mr Magdi Anwar Hassanein Hassan)
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Guinea (Mr Abdoulaye Traore)
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COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

(July 2013 - June 2015)

Chairperson

Ms Mónica Martínez
Menduiño (Ecuador)

Members

Bangladesh (Mr Mafizur Rahman)
Bulgaria (Mr Lubomir Ivanov)
Iraq (Mr Abdulsatar Chiyad Al-Sudani)
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WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD 2013

Term of office expiring

31 December 2013

Elected by FAO Council

Cameroon (A)
Canada (D)
Germany (D)
Haiti (C)
Saudi Arabia (B)
South Africa (A)

Elected by ECOSOC

Australia (D)
Cuba (C)
Morocco (A)
Norway (D)
Republic of Korea (B)
Sudan (A)

31 December 2014

Belgium (D)
Brazil (C)
Ghana (A)¹
Slovakia (E)
Sweden (D)
Tunisia (A)

China (B)
Czech Republic (E)
Guatemala (C)
Japan (D)
United Kingdom (D)
Zambia (A)

31 December 2015

Afghanistan (B)
Italy (D)
Mexico (C)
Philippines (B)
Uganda (A)
United States of America (D)

India (B)
Iraq (B)
Netherlands (D)
Russian Federation (E)
Sierra Leone (A)
Switzerland (D)

¹ This seat rotates between lists A, B and C as follows: List A (2012-2014), List B (2015-2017), List A (2018-2020) and List C (2021-2023).

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

