



Announcements

149th Session of the FAO Council
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Provisional List of Participants	A limited number of print outs of the <u>Provisional</u> List of Participants will be available from the morning of Wednesday 18 June 2014 at the Documents Desk, Korean Conference Service Centre (1 st 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 that the translation of their names is correct. 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.
Documents of the Council	A very limited quantity of documents will be available during the Council at the Documents Desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre (1 st Floor, Building A). Council documentation can be downloaded at: http://www.fao.org/unfao/govbodies/gsbhome/council/cl149/en/
Basic Texts	Copies of the Basic Texts, available in all languages, are at the disposal of delegates for consultation purposes. Delegates may request a copy from the Messengers in the Red Room.
Bilateral meeting rooms	A number of bilateral meeting rooms are available for use by delegations on an hourly basis. Please refer to Room A276, Ext. 53770, email: Meeting-Services@fao.org
Electronic system to request the floor	Delegates who wish to make an intervention are requested to press the red button on their desk. A light flashes until the delegate takes the floor. The order of speakers is automatically displayed on the screen above the podium. Pressing the red button again disactivates the request.
Travel facilities (flight reservation and reconfirmation)	Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT), the official travel agency of the Organization, is located on the Ground Floor of Building D (Room D074) and is open from 09.00 to 17.00. For further information, participants may contact CWT on extension number 55970 (or 0657055970 from outside FAO) or by e-mail: faotravel@cwtbook.it
Medical services	For medical emergencies, participants should dial 30 from in-house telephones or 0657053400 from outside FAO Headquarters. For other medical services, participants may call extension 53577 from in-house telephones (0657053577 from outside FAO Headquarters). They may also go directly to the Medical Service (1 st Floor, Building B) during the 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 06570600.
Banking and currency exchange facilities	The <i>Banca Intesa Sanpaolo</i> is located on the Ground Floor, Building B, and is open from 08.35 to 16.35. The <i>Banca Popolare di Sondrio</i> is located on the Ground Floor, Building D (D016), and is open from 08.30 to 16.30. Cash dispensers (ATM) for credit card withdrawals are located at the entrances of both banks.
Estonian Contact Centre (ECC)	The Estonian Contact Centre (ECC) is located at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Iran Room (B016). The ECC has two videophones equipped with Skype technology to enable free video calls to be made anywhere in the world.

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Media assistance for Permanent Representatives during the Council The Office for Corporate Communication (OCC) informs Delegates to Council that Media Relations Branch (OCCM) can provide technical support and facilities for radio and TV interviews in the studios of the *Angola Radio and Television Centre*, 3rd floor of Building A (Room A300) from 09.00 to 17.30. Requests should be forwarded, sufficiently in advance, to Mr Mehdi Drissi, Chief, Media Relations, OCCM (Mehdi.Drissi@fao.org / +39 0657056479).

Catering facilities The FAO Headquarters offers the following dining and snack bar facilities:

- Building A Ground Floor - **Polish Bar**: from 07.30 until the end of the daily session
- Building B 8th Floor - **Cafeteria Terrace**: from 12.00 to 14.30 hours
- Building B 8th Floor - **Bar B**: from 09.00 to 15.00 hours.
- Building C 8th Floor - **FAO Restaurant Menu à la Carte**: from 12.00 to 14.30 hours *reservation recommended: ext.56823 - tel.0657056823* from outside FAO
- Building C 8th Floor - **FAO Open Buffet - Fixed price Buffet**: from 12.00 to 14.30 hours *reservation recommended: ext.56823 - tel.0657056823* from outside FAO
- Building C 8th Floor - **Blue Bar**: from 07.30 to 17.00 hours.
- Building D Ground Floor - **Bar D**: from 07.30 to 17.30 hours.

ATM (*Bancomat*) and credit cards are accepted at the Cafeteria, Restaurant, Open Buffet, Polish Bar and Blue Bar. **Vending machines and water dispensers** are available in various locations throughout the building.

Environmentally friendly Council Participants are invited to note the following eco-friendly services:

- All documents have been printed in a limited number of copies on ecological paper. Participants are encouraged to consult documents on-line and to request additional copies only if indispensable.
- The Organization is promoting the use of quick response codes to download publications and documents to mobile devices.
- As an alternative to plastic-bottles, drinking water has been provided inside the Red Room. Water dispensers can be found throughout the building.

Prayer Room A Prayer Room is available for use by Council participants in Room A250 Ter.

Cloakroom A cloakroom is situated at the main entrance (Building A) to the right.

Secretariat of the 149th Session of the Council

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Side Events	
Monday, 16 June	Awards Ceremony Recognizing Outstanding Progress in Fighting Hunger 12.00-13.00 – Red Room (Room A121, Building A)
Monday, 16 June	Side Event Hosted by Morocco 18.30-19.30 – Sheikh Zayed Centre (Ground Floor, Atrium)
Tuesday, 17 June	Achieving Food Security through South-South and Triangular Cooperation 13.00-14.30 – Iran Room (Room B116, Building B)
Tuesday, 17 June	UNCCD/ITALY: World Day to Combat Desertification 18.30-19.30 – Red Room (Room A121, Building A)
Tuesday, 17 June	G77 50 th Anniversary Celebration 19.30-20.30 – Red Room (Room A121, Building A)
Wednesday, 18 June	Regional Rice Initiative 13.00-14.30 – Iran Room (Room B116, Building B)
Thursday, 19 June	The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture 13.00-14.30 - Iran Room (Room B116, Building B)
Friday, 20 June	FAO’s Role in the Global Health Security Agenda 13.00-14.30 - Iran Room (Room B116, Building B)