The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FAO Induction Seminar for New Permanent Representatives

FAO Governing Bodies - Structure
The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

194 Member Nations
1 Member Organization (European Union)
2 Associate Members (Faroe Islands and Tokelau)

All invited to biennial Conference
[15-22 June 2013]
[6-13 June 2015]
Contribute, within their mandates, to the:

• Definition of overall policies and regulatory frameworks of FAO;

• Strategic Framework, Medium-Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget; and

• Exercise, or contribute, to the oversight of the administration of the Organization.
Governing Bodies comprise:

- Conference
- Council
- Programme Committee
- Finance Committee
- Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
- Technical Committees
- Regional Conferences (Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America)
Key Functions of the Conference

• Approves the Programme of Work and Budget
• Reviews the Strategic Framework and Medium Term Plan
• Adopts the rules of the Organization
• Reviews:
  ✓ State of Food and Agriculture
  ✓ policy and regulatory matters contained in reports of:
    - Technical Committees
    - Regional Conferences
• Carries out elections/votes on:
  ✓ Applications for Membership
  ✓ Director-General
  ✓ Independent Chairperson of the Council/Members of Council
FAO Council

- 49 Members - 3 year term of office
- 1 Independent Chairperson (Mr Wilfred Ngirwa of the United Republic of Tanzania)
- Convenes 5 times during the biennium
- Next session: 2-6 December 2013
Key Functions of the Council (1)

• Make recommendations to the Conference on:
  — Strategic Framework
  — Medium Term Plan
  — Programme of Work and Budget
  — Budget level
  — Conference Agenda

• Reviews programme and budgetary matters contained in reports of:
  — Technical Committees
  — Regional Conferences
Key Functions of the Council (2)

- Decide on adjustments to Programme of Work and Budget (PWB)
- Oversight of **Administrative/financial management** e.g.
  - Reports on financial position/audited accounts
  - Advises Director-General on policy matters affecting administration
  - Appoints External Auditor
  - Elects chairpersons and members of 3 Committees of the Council:
    - Programme Committee
    - Finance Committee
    - Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
  - Elects 6 Members of the WFP EB
Independent Chairperson of the Council

Functions (Resolution 9/2009):
- to facilitate achieve consensus among Members
- to liaise with Chairpersons of Committees and Regional Conferences
- to convene informal meetings
- to liaise with senior management of FAO
- to ensure that the Council is informed of developments in other fora of relevance to FAO’s mandate
## Schedule for Governing Body Input and Oversight under the Reformed Programming, Budgeting and Results Based Monitoring System

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- **MTP**: Medium-Term Plan
- **PWB**: Programme of Work and Budget
- **EB**: Extra-Budgetary

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To find out more:

- Governing Body Web site from FAO home page

- Permanent Representatives Web site

- Basic Texts of the Organization
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