

171st Session of the Council

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Item 23 - Tentative Agenda for the 172nd Session of the Council

Member Name	Comments
Chile (Monday, 14 November 2022 – 17.16)	Chile supports the proposed tentative agenda. As negotiations proceed and if the Black Sea Grain Initiative is renewed, this could be added to the agenda.
Australia (Wednesday, 16 November 2022 – 14.13)	Australia notes the tentative agenda for the 172nd Session of the Council, and provides the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In light of the unprecedented challenges currently impacting global food systems including, <i>inter alia</i>, the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, rising cost of living, and conflicts, Australia considers that there would be merit in expanding the scope of Agenda Item 5, <i>Update on FAO’s Response to COVID-19: Building to transform</i>, to provide a more inclusive update to Members on FAO’s integrated efforts to tackle the global food security crisis, beyond the immediate focus of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme.• Australia continues to appreciate the regular updates provided to Members at Governing Body sessions on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative. We also note, however, the recent launch of other “flagship” FAO initiatives including, <i>inter alia</i>, One Country One Priority Product, FAO DataLab and 1000 Digital Villages. We consider that there could be value in expanding the focus of Agenda Item 6, <i>Update on the Hand-in-Hand Initiative</i> to incorporate updates on additional flagship initiatives, noting also the significant linkages and synergies between these.
Japan (Wednesday, 16 November 2022 – 16.09)	<p>Though the tentative agenda for the 172nd Session of the Council doesn’t include any items on the update of the implementation of the <i>FAO Strategy on Climate Change 2022-2031</i> and the <i>FAO Science and Innovation Strategy</i>, we recognize that they will be discussed in the 135th Session of the Programme Committee.</p> <p>We would like to know the schedule for developing each action plan including consultation process.</p> <p>Also, we recognize that the first stocktaking meeting on the UN Food Systems Summit will be convened in July 2023. We are looking forward to hearing the progress from FAO under Item 7, <i>Report of the Joint Meeting of the 135th Session of the Programme Committee and 195th Session of the Finance Committee</i> or any other item for information in the 172nd Session of the Council.</p>

<p>European Union (Friday, 18 November 2022 – 11.06)</p>	<p>Chairperson,</p> <p>I am honoured to write to you on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States regarding the above-mentioned agenda item for the 171st Session of the FAO Council.</p> <p>We would like to request that the following items be added to the agenda of the 172nd Session of the FAO Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Review of Decentralized Offices Network and presentation by FAO of the strategy concerning the Decentralized Offices Network: for discussion and decision;</i> • <i>The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).</i>
<p>United States of America (Wednesday, 23 November 2022 – 14.18)</p>	<p>The United States requests that the Agenda of Council 172 include an item entitled <i>The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</i>, and invites FAO to update Members with relevant products and analysis according to the conclusions of the 171st, 170th, and 169th Councils on this topic.</p>