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## Proposed dates for sessions of the Executive Board in 2018

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Executive Board — 119<sup>th</sup> Session Rome, 14-15 December 2016

For: Approval

#### Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 5.

#### Proposed dates for sessions of the Executive Board in 2018

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1. The following dates are proposed for the Executive Board sessions to be held in 2018:

• 123<sup>rd</sup> Session Tuesday, 17 and Wednesday, 18 April 2018

• 124<sup>th</sup> Session Wednesday, 12 and Thursday, 13 September 2018

• 125<sup>th</sup> Session Wednesday, 12 and Thursday, 13 December 2018

- 2. While specific dates are proposed, Executive Board representatives will note that the entire week has been reserved on the calendar of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)/IFAD/World Food Programme (WFP) governing bodies and other main sessions, to ensure flexibility in order to accommodate the workload of the meeting and surrounding events such as informal seminars held in conjunction with the Board sessions.
- 3. A revised calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP governing bodies and other main sessions for 2017 and 2018 is provided for information in the appendix. Prepared in consultation with the secretariats of FAO and WFP, it endeavours to harmonize the timing of the various governing bodies and other high-level meetings that require the participation of Rome-based permanent representatives.
- 4. Finally, Executive Board representatives are informed that the forty-first session of the Governing Council is scheduled for Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 February 2018.

Recommendation

5. The Executive Board is requested to approve the dates for its sessions in 2018 as proposed above.

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# Provisional calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP governing bodies and other main sessions

### 2017-2018

|           |                               | 2017                         |                                      | 2018                                  |  |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| JANUARY   |                               |                              |                                      |                                       |  |
| FEBRUARY  | IFAD/GC<br>WFP                | 13-17<br>20-24               | 34 NERC<br>I FAD/GC<br>30 ARC<br>WFP | 4-8<br>12-17<br>19-23<br>26/2-2/3     |  |
| MARCH     | 104 CCLM<br>165 FC*<br>121 PC | 13-15<br>27-31<br>27-31      | 31 ERC<br>106 CCLM<br>35 LARC        | 5-9<br>12-14<br>26-30                 |  |
| APRIL     | IFAD/EB<br>156 CL             | 10-14<br>24-28               | IFAD/EB                              | 16-20                                 |  |
| MAY       |                               |                              | 34 APRC<br>FC<br>PC                  | 30/4-4/5<br>21-25<br>21-25            |  |
| JUNE      | WFP*                          | 13-17                        | 159 CL<br>WFP                        | 4-8<br>18-22                          |  |
| JULY      | 40 C<br>157 CL<br>40 CODEX    | 3-8<br>10<br>17-21 (Geneva)  | 41 CODEX<br>33 COFI<br>24 COFO       | 2-6 (Rome)<br>9-13<br>16-20           |  |
| AUGUST    |                               |                              |                                      |                                       |  |
| SEPTEMBER | IFAD/EB                       | 11-15                        | IFAD/EB<br>72 CCP                    | 10-14<br>26-28                        |  |
| OCTOBER   | 44 CFS<br>WFD<br>105 CCLM     | 9-13<br>16 (Monday)<br>23-25 | 26 COAG<br>WFD<br>45 CFS<br>107 CCLM | 1-5<br>16 (Tuesday)<br>15-20<br>22-24 |  |
| NOVEMBER  | 166 FC*<br>122 PC<br>WFP      | 6-10<br>6-10<br>13-17        | FC<br>PC<br>WFP                      | 12-16<br>12-16<br>19-23               |  |
| DECEMBER  | 158 CL<br>IFAD/EB             | 4-8<br>11-15                 | 160 CL<br>IFAD/EB                    | 3-7<br>10-14                          |  |

Easter: 16 April 2017 Easter: 1 April 2018
Orthodox Easter: 16 April 2017 Orthodox Easter: 8 April 2018

 Ramadan:
 27 May-24 June 2017
 Ramadan:
 16 May-14 June 2018

 Eid Al-Fitr:
 25 June 2017
 Eid Al-Fitr:
 15 June 2018

 Eid Al-Adha:
 1 September 2017
 Eid Al-Adha:
 22 August 2018

| APRC             | Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific   | COFO                 | Committee on Forestry   |
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| ARC<br>C<br>CCLM | Regional Conference for Africa<br>Conference<br>Committee on Constitutional and Legal<br>Matters | ERC<br>FC<br>IFAD/EB | Regional Conference for Europe<br>Finance Committee<br>IFAD Executive Board |
| CCP<br>CFS       | Committee on Commodity Problems Committee on World Food Security                                 | IFAD/GC<br>INARC     | IFAD Governing Council<br>Informal Regional Conference for North<br>America |
| CGRFA            | Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture   | LARC                 | Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean                     |
| CL               | Council  | NERC                 | Regional Conference for the Near East                                       |
| COAG             | Committee on Agriculture   | PC<br>WED            | Programme Committee   |
| CODEX<br>COFI    | Codex Alimentarius Commission Committee on Fisheries   | WFD<br>WFP           | World Food Day World Food Programme Executive Board                         |