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Proposed Dates for the 126th Session of the Executive Board and Fifth Executive Board Retreat and for the Sessions of the Executive Board to be Held in 2020

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Executive Board — 125th Session
Rome, 12-14 December 2018

For: Approval

Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 7.

I. Proposed dates for the 126th session of the Executive Board and fifth Executive Board retreat

1. The proposed dates for the 126th Executive Board session and fifth Executive Board retreat were put to a vote by correspondence on 3 October 2018. The first option called for the Executive Board session and retreat to be held together, on 2-4 May and 5-7 May, whereas the second option called for the Executive Board session and retreat to be held separately, on 15-17 April and 5-7 May 2019, respectively.
2. In the absence of the majority required to approve one of the two options for the 126th session of the Executive Board, List Convenors were subsequently consulted to reach a consensus among their Lists. Based on the Convenors' feedback the following dates are proposed:
 - 126th Session Thursday, 2 and Friday, 3 May
 - Fifth Executive Board Retreat Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 8 May, lunch time

II. Proposed dates for sessions of the Executive Board in 2020

Proposed dates for sessions of the Executive Board in 2020

3. The following dates are proposed for the Executive Board sessions to be held in 2020:
 - 129th Session Monday, 20 to Wednesday, 22 April 2020*
 - 130th Session Tuesday, 8 to Thursday, 10 September 2020
 - 131st Session Monday, 7 to Wednesday, 9 December 2020

* This would allow for holding the sixth Executive Board retreat from the afternoon of Wednesday, 22 April to Friday, 24 April.
4. 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.
5. A revised calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP governing bodies and other main sessions for 2019 and 2020 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.
6. Finally, Executive Board representatives are informed that the forty-third session of the Governing Council is scheduled for Tuesday, 11 and Wednesday, 12 February 2020.

III. Recommendation

7. The Executive Board is requested to approve the dates for the 126th session of the Executive Board in 2019 and its fifth Executive Board retreat, as well as the Executive Board sessions in 2020 as proposed above.

**PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF FAO/IFAD/WFP GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER
MAIN SESSIONS 2019-2020**

	2019		2020	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	IFAD/GC 17 CGRFA WFP	11-15 18-22 25/02-01/03	IFAD/GC 35 NERC WFP	10-14 17-21 24-28
MARCH	108 CCLM 173 FC 126 PC	11-13 18-22 18-22	31 ARC 110 CCLM 35 APRC	2-6 16-18 23-27
APRIL	161 CL	8-12	IFAD/EB	20-24
MAY	IFAD/EB	2-8	32 ERC 36 LARC 175 FC 128 PC	5-7 11-15 18-22 18-22
JUNE	WFP 41 C	10-14 22-29	164 CL WFP 25 COFO	8-12 15-19 22-26
JULY	162 CL 42 CODEX (Geneva)	1 8-12	43 CODEX 34 COFI	6-10 (Rome) 13-17
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	9-13	IFAD/EB 27 COAG 73 CCP	7-11 23-25 28/9-2/10
OCTOBER	46 CFS WFD 109 CCLM	14-18 16 (Wednesday) 21-23	WFD 47 CFS 111 CCLM	16 (Friday) 12-16 26-28
NOVEMBER	174 FC 127 PC WFP	4-8 4-8 18-22	176 FC 129 PC WFP 165 CL	9-13 9-13 16-20 30/11-4/12
DECEMBER	163 CL IFAD/EB	2-6 9-13	IFAD/EB	7-11

Easter: 21 April 2019
 Orthodox Easter: 28 April 2019
 Ramadan: 6 May 2019 – 4 June 2019
 Eid Al-Fitr: 5 June 2019
 Eid Al-Adha: 12 August 2019

Easter: 12 April 2020
 Orthodox Easter: 19 April 2020
 Ramadan: 24 April – 23 May 2020
 Eid Al-Fitr: 24 May 2020
 Eid Al-Adha: 31 July 2020

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	COFO	Committee on Forestry
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
C	Conference	FC	Finance 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
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
		NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CL	Council	PC	Programme Committee
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	WFD	World Food Day
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board
COFI	Committee on Fisheries		