
Proposed dates for the sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2025

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Action: The Executive Board is invited to approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of this document, and to take note of the dates for the forty-eighth session of the Governing Council.

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I. Proposed dates for the sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2025

A. Sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2025

1. The following dates are proposed for the Executive Board sessions to be held in 2025:

- 144th Session Wednesday, 7 to Friday, 9 May 2025*
- 145th Session Tuesday, 16 to Thursday, 18 September 2025
- 146th Session Tuesday, 9 to Thursday, 11 December 2025

** This would allow for the Executive Board retreat to be held from Monday, 5 to Tuesday, 6 May 2025.*

2. While specific dates are proposed, Executive Board representatives are invited to note that the entire week has been reserved in each case on the calendar of governing bodies and other main sessions of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)/IFAD/World Food Programme (WFP), to ensure flexibility in accommodating the workload of the meeting and any 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 2024 and 2025 is provided for information in the appendix. Prepared in consultation with the secretariats of FAO and WFP, the calendar endeavours to harmonize the timing of the various governing bodies and other high-level meetings that would require the participation of Rome-based permanent representatives.
4. Furthermore, Executive Board representatives are informed that the forty-eighth session of the Governing Council is scheduled for Wednesday, 12 and Thursday, 13 February 2025.

B. Recommendation

5. The Executive Board is requested to approve the dates for its sessions and retreat in 2025 as proposed above.

Provisional calendar of FAO/IFAD/WFP governing bodies and other main sessions 2024–2025

	2024		2025	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	37 NERC (SOM) IFAD/GC 37 APRC WFP	5–8 12–16 19–23 26/2–1/3	IFAD/GC WFP	10–14 17–21
MARCH	37 NERC (MM) (cont'd) 38 LARC 120 CCLM	4–5 18–22 25–27	122 CCLM 203 FC 140 PC 20 CGRFA	3–5 10–14 10–14 24–28
APRIL	8 INARC 33 ARC IFAD/EB	2–4 15–19 22–26	177 CL	14–18
MAY	34 ERC 199 FC 138 PC 200 FC (WFP)	13–17 20–24 20–24 29–31	IFAD/EB 204 FC (WFP)	5–9 12–14
JUNE	175 CL WFP*	10–14 24–28	WFP 44 C	23–27 28/6–4/7
JULY	36 COFI 27 COFO	8–12 22–26	178 CL 48 CODEX (Rome)	7 14–18
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	76 CCP IFAD/EB 29 COAG	11–13 16–20 30/9–4/10	IFAD/EB 123 CCLM	15–19 22–24
OCTOBER	WFF WFD 52 CFS 121 CCLM	14–18 16 (Wednesday) 21–25 28–30	WFF WFD 53 CFS 205 FC (WFP)	13–17 16 (Thursday) 20–24 27–28
NOVEMBER	201 FC (WFP) 202 FC 139 PC WFP 47 CODEX (Geneva)	4–5 11–15 11–15 18–22 25–29	206 FC 141 PC WFP	3–7 3–7 17–21
DECEMBER	176 CL IFAD/EB	2–6 9–13	179 CL IFAD/EB	1–5 8–12

Easter:	31 March 2024	Easter:	20 April 2025
Orthodox Easter:	5 May 2024	Orthodox Easter:	20 April 2025
Ramadan:	10 March – 8 April 2024	Ramadan:	28 February – 29 March 2025
Eid Al-Fitr:	9 April 2024	Eid Al-Fitr:	30 March 2025
Eid Al-Adha:	17 June 2024	Eid Al-Adha:	6 June 2025

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
CL	Council	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
		PC	Programme Committee
		WFD	World Food Day
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	WFF	World Food Forum
CODEX	Codex Alimentarius Commission	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board
COFI	Committee on Fisheries		

(*) Change compared to the calendar submitted to the previous Governing Council session.