
Proposed dates for the sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2026 and amendment to dates for the Executive Board session in May 2025

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Action: The Executive Board is invited to approve the dates for its sessions in 2026 and the amended dates for the May 2025 session, and to take note of the dates for the forty-ninth session of the Governing Council.

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I. Proposed dates for the sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2026 and amendment to dates of the Executive Board session in May 2025

A. Sessions of the Executive Board to be held in 2026

1. The following dates are proposed for the Executive Board and Consultation sessions to be held in 2026:

147th Session:

- Executive Board: Wednesday, 22 to Friday, 24 April 2026*
- EB Consultation: Tuesday, 31 March 2026

148th Session:

- Executive Board: Tuesday, 15 to Thursday, 17 September 2026
- EB Consultation: Monday, 31 August 2026

149th Session:

- Executive Board: Tuesday, 8 to Thursday, 10 December 2026
- EB Consultation: Monday, 23 November 2026

**This would allow for the EB Annual Informal Meeting (AIM) to be held on Monday, 20 and Tuesday, 21 April 2026.*

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. Furthermore, Executive Board representatives are informed that the forty-ninth session of the Governing Council is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 and Thursday, 12 February 2026.

B. Amendment to dates for the Executive Board session in May 2025

4. As its 140th session in December 2023, the Executive Board approved the calendar for 2025 sessions of the Executive Board.
5. The dates for the 144th session of the Executive Board, previously set as 7 to 9 May 2025, will need to be amended owing to unforeseen scheduling conflicts. In consultation with the secretariats of FAO and WFP, the following new dates are proposed:

144th Session:

- Executive Board: Wednesday, 14 to Friday, 16 May 2025**

***This would allow for the EB Annual Informal Meeting (AIM) to be held on Monday, 12 and Tuesday, 13 May 2025.*