GLOBAL MODEL FAO CONFERENCE

First Session
Rome, 24 - 27 of November
Arrangements for the 1st Session of the Global Model FAO Conference

Executive Summary

This document provides an outline of arrangements for the 1st Session of the Global Model FAO, including its architecture, decisions it will take under its constitutional duties, measures to ensure efficiency in its conduct and other relevant arrangements:

a) the architecture of the session consists of the agenda, timetable and modality; constituent components of the Conference, including the Plenary and Open-Ended Working Groups;
b) decisions that the First Session of the Conference will undertake under its constitutional duties;
c) measures to ensure efficiency at the First Session of the Conference include speaking time limits.

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Introduction

1. The 1st Session of the Conference will be held in Rome from 24-27 November 2026.

2. This document articulates these arrangements, which consist of: a) the architecture of the 1st Session of the Conference; b) the key decisions the Conference will take; c)

measures to ensure efficiency in the conduct of the Conference; and d) other arrangements for the Session.

A. Architecture

3. The architecture of the 1st Session of the Conference consists of three elements: a) agenda, timetable and modality; and b) constituent components of the Conference, namely Plenary, Open-Ended Working Group 1, Open-Ended Working Group 2, Open-Ended Working Group 3, Open-Ended Working Group 4.

Agenda, Timetable and Modality

4. The Provisional Agenda for the 44th Session of the Conference is given in document C 2025/1.

5. The Provisional Timetable for the 1st Session of the Conference is given in document C 2025/INF/1.

6. The 1st Session of the Conference will be conducted in-person.

Constituent Components

7. There are five constituent components of the Conference: Open-Ended Working Group 1, Open-Ended Working Group 2, Open-Ended Working Group 3, Open-Ended Working Group 4.

8. The main constituent component of the Conference is its Plenary occurrence. The Plenary is chaired by the Chairperson of the Conference. The Plenary takes all the decisions of the Conference, promulgated ultimately by means of the Report of the Conference, which in turn contains specific Conference Resolutions.

9. Meetings of the Plenary are open to the entirety of FAO membership, are held in public. Keynote statements by heads of delegation are delivered to the Conference in Plenary session in the General Debate under Agenda Item 9, Review of the State of Food and Agriculture.

10. In addition to the Plenary, there are four Open-Ended Working Groups of the 1st Session of the Conference:

• OEWG 1 (High School) to examine Safe Food and Healthy Diets
• OEWG 2 (University) to examine Sustainable Soil Management for Food Security
• OEWG 3 (University) to examine Biodiversity in Agrifood Systems
• OEWG 4 (University) to examine Responsible Antimicrobial Use in Agrifood Systems

11. The Open-Ended Working Groups make their recommendations to the Conference by means of their respective Reports, which are constructed through informal consultations, adopted by the individual Open-Ended Working Groups and transmitted to the Plenary. In turn, the Plenary reviews the Reports of the four Open-Ended Working Groups for adoption, and ultimately for integration into the Report of the Conference.

B. Decisions

12. The Conference is the ultimate decision-making body of the Global Model FAO, determining its overall policy and strategy.

13. Major decisions by the Conference are promulgated within its Report by means of the formal instrument of Conference Resolutions, which are adopted by the Conference further to criteria established by the Conference itself.

C. Efficiency

14. Measures to enhance efficiency in the conduct of the Conference include the speaking time limits.

Speaking time limits

15. In the interest of efficient conduct of the 1st Session of the Conference, keynote statements by delegates under Agenda Item 2 delivered in Plenary during the Session will be limited to a maximum of 1.5 minutes.

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Provisional Timetable

Wednesday, November 25th, 2026

Morning (9:00am-12:00pm)

Item 1 Delegate training

Afternoon (1:30pm-6:00pm)

Item 2 Adoption of Arrangements for the First Session of the Global Model FAO Conference
Item 3 Interactive Session with Expert
Item 4 General Debate
Item 5 Informal Consultation: Regional Groups

Thursday, November 26th, 2026

Morning (9:00am-12:00pm)

Item 5 Informal Consultation: Regional Groups *(continued)*
Item 6 Informal Consultation: Line by line
Item 7 Informal Consultation: Debate of Amendments

Afternoon (1:30pm-6:00pm)

Item 7 Informal Consultation: Debate of Amendments *(continued)*
Item 8 Informal Consultation: Regional Groups
Item 9 Informal Consultation: Line by line
Item 10 Informal Consultation: Debate of Amendments

Friday, November 27th, 2026

Morning (9:00am-12:00pm)

Item 10 Informal Consultation: Debate of Amendments *(continued)*

Item 11 Final Review

Item 12 Action on Draft Proposal