

Candidates for next chief of UN food and agriculture agency to outline agendas



13 April 2011 – The six candidates who have been nominated to serve as the next head of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization ([FAO](#)) will today outline their programmes and plans if they are selected to the post.

The candidates for the position of Director-General will address the FAO Council at the agency's headquarters in Rome.

A meeting of the FAO's conference of 191 member nations from 25 June to 2 July, also in Rome, will select a director-general to succeed Jacques Diouf, who steps down at the end of 2011.

The next chief – the seventh in the history of FAO, which was created in 1945 – will serve from 1 January 2012 to 31 July 2015, and will be eligible to run for a second, four-year term.

The candidates are:

- Franz Fischler (Austria), a former European Union commissioner for agriculture, rural development and fisheries;
- José Graziano da Silva (Brazil), currently FAO's Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Indroyono Soesilo (Indonesia), a natural resources scientist and senior Government official;

- Mohammad Saeid Noori Naeini (Iran), who has served as his country's Ambassador to FAO and as the Chairperson of the agency's Council;
- Abdul Latif Rashid (Iraq), his country's Water Resources Minister;
- Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé (Spain), a former foreign minister of his country.

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