



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
Executive Board – Seventy-Third Session

Rome, 12-13 September 2001

DATES FOR THE 2003 SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The following dates are proposed for the Executive Board sessions to be held in the year 2003:

Seventy-Eighth Session	Wednesday, 16 and Thursday, 17 April 2003
Seventy-Ninth Session	Wednesday, 10 and Thursday, 11 September 2003
Eightieth Session	Wednesday, 17 and Thursday, 18 December 2003

2. The April 2003 dates are about one week earlier than normal, but are recommended for the following reasons. Although it is recognized that 18 April is Good Friday, there are two holidays in the following week (Easter Monday and an Italian national holiday on 25 April). The week after that also includes a holiday (Labour Day). Delaying until the week of 5 May would conflict with the Programme and Finance Committee meetings of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (see Appendix). Thus 16 and 17 April are suggested rather than those alternatives.

3. The dates proposed for December 2003 are later than normal because, again as can be seen from the attached Appendix, the FAO Conference and Council meetings are being delayed somewhat due to Ramadan.

4. The Appendix, "FAO/IFAD/WFP Provisional Calendar of Governing Body and Other Meetings, 2002-2003", was prepared by the Inter-Agency Working Group on Meeting Programming in an endeavour to harmonize the timing of their respective governing bodies, which require the participation of many Rome-based Permanent Representatives.

5. The Executive Board is requested to approve the dates for its 2003 sessions as proposed above.



APPENDIX

**FAO/IFAD/WFP
PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF GOVERNING BODY AND OTHER MEETINGS, 2002-2003**

	2002		2003	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	22 ARC WFP IFAD/GC	4 – 8/2 11 – 15/2 20 – 21/2	WFP IFAD/GC 25 COFI	10-14/2 17-21/2 24-28/2
MARCH	26 NERC	10 – 14/3	16 COFO 64 CCP 17 COAG	10-14/3 18 - 21/3 24-28/3
APRIL	73 CCLM 27 LARC IFAD/EB	8 – 9/4 dates to be confirmed by host Government 23 – 24/4	75 CCLM IFAD/EB	1-2/4 16 - 17/4
MAY	87 PC 98 FC WFP 23 ERC	6 – 10/5 6 – 10/5 13 – 24/5 27 – 31/5	89 PC 100 FC 29 CFS WFP	5 – 9/5 5 – 9/5 12 – 16/5 19 – 30/5
JUNE	26 APRC	24 – 28/6	124 CL	9 – 14/6
JULY				
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB 88 PC 99 FC 28 CFS	4 – 5/9 9 – 13/9 9 – 13/9 16 - 20/9	IFAD/EB 90 PC 101 FC 12 WFC 76 CCLM	10 – 11/9 15 – 19/9 15 – 19/9 21 – 28/9 30/9 – 1/10
OCTOBER	74 CCLM WFD WFP 123 CL	2 – 3/10 16/10 21 – 25/10 28/10 - 2/11	WFD WFP	16/10 20 – 24/10
NOVEMBER			125 CL 32 C	26 – 28/11 29/11 – 10/12
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	11 – 12/12	126 CL IFAD/EB	11/12 17 – 18/12

Eid Al-Adha: 23 Feb 02
Easter: 31 Mar 02
Ramadan: 6 Nov/5 Dec 02
Eid Al-Fitr: 6 Dec 02

Eid Al-Adha: 12 Feb 03
Easter: 20 Apr 03
Ramadan: 27 Oct/24 Nov 03
Eid Al-Fitr: 25 Nov 03

APRC	Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific	ERC	Regional Conference for Europe
ARC	Regional Conference for Africa	FC	Finance Committee
C	Conference	IFAD/EB	IFAD Executive Board
CCLM	Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters	IFAD/GC	IFAD Governing Council
CCP	Committee on Commodity Problems	LARC	Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
CFS	Committee on World Food Security	NERC	Regional Conference for the Near East
CL	Council	PC	Programme Committee
COAG	Committee on Agriculture	WFC	World Forestry Congress
COFI	Committee on Fisheries	WFD	World Food Day
COFO	Committee on Forestry	WFP	World Food Programme Executive Board