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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Executive Board – Eighty-eighth Session

Rome, 13-14 September 2006

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Information for Executive Board Directors

Location

1. The eighty-eighth session of the Executive Board will convene on Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 September 2006, at the Fund's headquarters, located at Via del Serafico 107 (EUR), Rome. The switchboard telephone number is (+39) 06-54591.

Hotel bookings

2. Executive Board Directors wishing to obtain hotel bookings may forward their requests to IFAD's Member Relations and Protocol Office by facsimile to number (+39) 06-504-3463 or by e-mail to Ms Paola de Leva, Member Relations Assistant, at p.deleva@ifad.org. Directors are reminded to request bookings well in advance and indicate any preferences for a specific hotel, location, single/double accommodation, etc.

Registration and security arrangements

3. Directors are kindly requested to register immediately upon arrival at the reception desk (located in the B-1 lobby), where they will be issued a security badge. Security staff are authorized to allow entry to the Executive Board Room only to persons wearing a security badge.

Meeting rooms and hours

4. The meetings of the Executive Board will take place in the Executive Board Room (second floor). It is expected that these meetings will be held between 09.30 and 13.00 hours and between 14.30 and 18.00 hours, except on the opening day of the session, Wednesday, 13 September, when the meeting will start at 10.00 hours.

List of participants

5. A provisional list of participants will be issued on Thursday, 14 September. Directors are requested to notify the Documents Desk of any amendments they wish to make to the list.

Schedule of work

6. The schedule of work will be tabled on the first morning of the session.

Distribution of documents

7. The Documents Desk is located in the Delegates' Lounge near the entrance to the Executive Board Room. Directors may collect any documents they need immediately after registration.

Post office

8. IFAD does not have a post office on its premises. For assistance, please contact the Documents Desk.

Incoming correspondence

9. Personal correspondence addressed to Directors will be distributed either by the conference room messenger or the registration assistant. Correspondence should be clearly marked "Executive Board Director" and addressed: International Fund for Agricultural Development, Via del Serafico 107, 00142 Rome, Italy; facsimile (+39) 06-504-3463. The e-mail address is: IFAD@ifad.org.

Internet access

10. A number of computers with Internet connections are available in the Delegates' Lounge for use by members of official delegations.

Telephones

11. Directors are kindly requested to arrange to receive telephone calls on the following numbers: (+39) 06-5459-2285/06-5459-2275. The public telephone located in the booth at the entrance to the Executive Board Room operates with coins.

12. Delegates are kindly requested to turn off the sound on portable telephones before entering the Executive Board Room.

Bank

13. A branch office of Banca Intesa is located in Room B-203. It is open for business Monday through Friday from 8.35 to 13.50 hours and from 15.00 to 16.30 hours.

Disbursements

14. A disbursement officer will be available at the reception desk (in the B-1 lobby) from 8.30 to 9.45 hours on Wednesday, 13 September. Directors are kindly requested to submit their air ticket to the disbursement officer upon arrival so that reimbursements can be processed in a timely fashion. Air ticket reimbursements and per diem payments will be ready for collection at the bank on Thursday, 14 September from 13.00 to 14.30 hours. Directors who prefer to be reimbursed by means of a bank transfer should provide full banking instructions to the disbursement officer.

Travel arrangements

15. Assistance with travel arrangements may be obtained from the Summertime travel office located in Room 815 at the IFAD 2 building, Via del Serafico 200. The office is open for business Monday through Friday from 9.00 to 12.30 hours and from 14.00 to 17.00 hours.

Medical services

16. The IFAD nurse will be on the premises during the session. In addition, arrangements have been made with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to provide other medical services if required. Such services should be requested through the IFAD nurse.

Taxis

17. Taxis may be requested at the Documents Desk. It should be noted that, if a taxi is called but not used, the taxi driver will be entitled to a fare to be borne by the person requesting the service.

Snack bar

18. A snack bar is located in the Delegates' Lounge near the entrance to the Executive Board Room. Coffee, light beverages, sandwiches and pastries will be available at subsidized prices.

Buffet luncheon

19. On the days of the session, Executive Board Directors are invited to a buffet luncheon hosted by the President in the Executive Dining Room located on the first floor near the B-3 entrance.

20. The buffet will open with the adjournment of each morning meeting, normally not before 13.00 hours.