



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
Governing Council - Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session
Rome, 19-20 February 2003

AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

1. The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session of the Governing Council will mark the official opening of the one-year anniversary period. This anniversary year is an opportunity to communicate, to reflect on the Fund's achievements over the last quarter century and to advocate IFAD's mission – "Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome their Poverty". It is also a time to look to the future and the challenge posed by the Millennium Development Goals "to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world's people whose income is less than one dollar a day".
2. In this regard, the President of IFAD has proposed "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome their Poverty" as the theme for an interactive panel discussion.
3. As may be seen from the Programme of Events, the panel discussion – guided by high-level experts – will be held in the plenary during the first day of the Session. On the second day, four round-table discussions on specific topics will be held simultaneously. National delegations are invited to attend the round-table discussions of their choice and, in order to maximize interaction, may even wish to have different members attend different discussion groups.



AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Application for Non-Original Membership
4. Statement of the President of IFAD
5. General Statements
6. Report on the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
7. Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
8. Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2001
9. Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2003
10. Election of Members and Alternate Members to the Executive Board
11. Report on the IFAD V: Plan of Action (2000-2002)
12. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
13. Progress Report on the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty
14. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
15. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2003

Morning Meeting **10.00-13.00 hours**

10.00-13.00 hours **Inaugural Ceremony**

The President of the Italian Republic, His Excellency Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Kofi Annan, will jointly inaugurate the Session.

Commencement of Agenda Items as Indicated on the Agenda

Afternoon Meeting **14.30-18.30 hours**

15.00-17.00 hours **Panel Discussion on the Theme: *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome Their Poverty***

The interactive panel discussion will provide an opportunity for dialogue on the theme and will include a question-and-answer period. The panel will be composed of high-level experts together with the President of IFAD and the Chairman of the Governing Council.

17.00-18.30 hours **Continuation of Agenda Items**

THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2003

Morning Meeting **09.30-13.00 hours**

09.30-10.20 hours **Continuation of Agenda Items**

10.30-13.00 hours **Round-Table Discussions**

Four round tables will be held simultaneously on the following topics:

- Indigenous People and Sustainable Development
- Promoting Market Access for the Rural Poor to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals
- Transforming Rural Institutions in Order to Reach the Millennium Development Goals
- Women as Agents of Change

Afternoon Meeting **15.00-18.00 hours**

15.00-18.00 hours **Conclusion of Remaining Agenda Items, Including General Statements
Closure of the Session**

