

18-19 February 2004

**GOVERNING COUNCIL
TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION
SCHEDULE OF WORK**

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DATE	AGENDA ITEM	MORNING	AGENDA ITEM	AFTERNOON
Wednesday 18 February 2004		10.00 – 13.00		15.00 – 17.30
	1	Opening of the Session		Panel Discussion on the Theme: “Trade and Rural Development: Opportunities and Challenges for the Rural Poor”
2	Adoption of the Agenda			
	3	Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council		17.30 – 18.30
		Inaugural Address by H.E. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso		
	4	Statement of the President of IFAD	6	Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources
		Statement by Mr Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	7	Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2002
		Message of Mr James T. Morris, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, delivered on his behalf by Mr Jean-Jacques Graisse, Senior Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme	8	Administrative Budget of IFAD and Its Office of Evaluation for 2004
			9	Delegation of Authority to Establish Multi-Donor Trust Funds
	5	General Statements	5	General Statements (continued)

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Thursday 19 February 2004		09.30 – 10.20		15.00 – 18.00
	5	General Statements (continued)	5	General Statements (continued)
		10.30 – 13.00	10	Progress Report on the Implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System
		Six Round Tables on the Following Topics:	11	Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia and the Pacific: <i>Rural Enterprises and Poverty Reduction</i> • Central Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States: <i>Promoting Farmers' Access to Markets in Transitional Economies</i> • Eastern and Southern Africa: <i>Sector-Wide Approaches and Budget Support Mechanisms: Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Development</i> • Latin America and the Caribbean: <i>Remittances and Rural Development</i> • Near East and North Africa: <i>Managing Water Scarcity in the Near East and North Africa</i> • Western and Central Africa: <i>Rural Finance in Western and Central Africa</i> 	12	Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition
			13	Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
			5	General Statements (continued)
			14	Other Business
				Approval of Disclosure of Documents
				Closure of the Session
				(i) Report from the Six Round-Table Discussions
				(ii) Chairperson's Closing Statement