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**IFAD**  
**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**Governing Council – Twenty-Eighth Session**  
Rome, 16-17 February 2005

**AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

1. In line with the format introduced in recent years, the proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Governing Council will include an interactive panel discussion as well as the traditional inaugural ceremony and consideration of agenda items. As shown in the attached programme of events, the panel discussion will be held in plenary on the morning of the second day of the session. Given the increasing importance of rural investment and enabling policies for pro-poor growth as contributing factors in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, the President has proposed as the theme of the panel discussion: *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Rural Investment and Enabling Policy*.

2. In the afternoon of the first day of the session, three simultaneous round-table discussions will be held, on the following topics:

- Achieving the Millennium Development Goal of Halving Poverty by 2015: Sharing Experiences between Asia and the Pacific and Western and Central Africa
- National Strategies for Rural Poverty Reduction: A Comparison of Experiences
- Rural Poverty Reduction is Key to Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

These topics have been chosen to support discussion of issues that can be further developed during the panel discussion, and have therefore been scheduled to take place on the afternoon of the first day of the session.

3. National delegations are invited to attend the round-table discussions of their choice and, to maximize interaction, may wish to have different members attend different round tables.



## 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. Appointment of the President of IFAD
7. Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
8. Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
9. Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2003
10. Administrative Budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2005
11. Special Expenditure for IFAD's New Headquarters
12. Progress Report on Implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System
13. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
14. Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition
15. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
16. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2005

<b>Morning Meeting</b>	<b>10.00-13.00 hours</b>
10.00-13.00 hours	<b>Inaugural Ceremony Commencement of Consideration of Agenda Items</b>
<b>Afternoon Meeting</b>	<b>14.30-18.30 hours</b>
14.30-15.50 hours	<b>Continuation of Consideration of Agenda Items</b>
16.00-18.30 hours	<b>Round-Table Discussions</b>

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

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- National Strategies for Rural Poverty Reduction: A Comparison of Experiences
- Rural Poverty Reduction is Key to Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

### THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2005

<b>Morning Meeting</b>	<b>09.30-13.00 hours</b>
09.30-10.30 hours	<b>Continuation of Consideration of Agenda Items</b>
10.30-13.00 hours	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
	<b><i>Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Rural Investment and Enabling Policy</i></b>

This 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.

<b>Afternoon Meeting</b>	<b>15.00-18.00 hours</b>
15.00-17.50 hours	<b>Continuation of Consideration of Agenda Items</b>
17.50-18.00 hours	<b>Closure of the Session</b>

