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**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**Governing Council – Twenty-ninth Session**  
Rome, 15-16 February 2006

**AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

1. In line with the format introduced in recent years, the proceedings of the twenty-ninth 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 in the afternoon of the first day of the session. Given the acknowledged importance of finding innovative solutions to enable the rural poor to overcome poverty, the President has proposed as the theme of the panel discussion: *Innovation challenges for the rural poor*.

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

- Adaptive research in support of pro-poor innovations in rural development: Successes from IFAD's grant programme
- Strengthening rural institutions for the poor
- Securing access to land for the rural poor

These topics, which reflect major issues on IFAD's corporate agenda, have been chosen in order to further highlight the main theme of the Council.

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.

## PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council
4. Application for non-original membership
5. Statement by the President of IFAD
6. General statements
7. Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
8. Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
9. Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2004
10. Administrative budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2006
11. Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board
12. Report and recommendation of the Executive Board on supervision
13. Progress report on implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System
14. Report on the Implementation of Phase I of the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
15. Progress Report on the International Land Coalition
16. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
17. Other business
  - (a) Report on IFAD's response to the avian influenza crisis
  - (b) Approval of disclosure of documents

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2006

**Morning meeting**                      **10.00-13.00 hours**

10.00-13.00 hours                      **Inaugural ceremony**  
**Commencement of consideration of agenda items**

**Afternoon meeting**                      **15.00-18.30 hours**

15.00-17.30 hours                      **Panel discussion**

*Innovation challenges for the rural poor*

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.

17.30-18.30 hours                      **Continuation of consideration of agenda items**

### THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006

**Morning meeting**                      **09.30-13.00 hours**

09.30-12.00 hours                      **Round-table discussions**

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

- Adaptive research in support of pro-poor innovations in rural development: Successes from IFAD's grant programme
- Strengthening rural institutions for the poor
- Securing access to land for the rural poor

12.00-13.00 hours                      **Continuation of consideration of agenda items**

**Afternoon meeting**                      **15.00-18.00 hours**

15.00-17.50 hours                      **Continuation of consideration of agenda items**

17.50-18.00 hours                      **Closure of the session**