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Enabling poor rural people  
to overcome poverty

## **Agenda and programme of events**

### **IFAD's Thirtieth Anniversary**

Governing Council — Thirty-first Session  
Rome, 13-14 February 2008

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For: **Approval**



## **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 of the President of IFAD
6. General statements
7. Report on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's resources
8. Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources
9. Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2006
10. Administrative and capital budgets of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2008
11. Special expenditure for IFAD's new headquarters
12. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
13. Report on lessons learned by the International Land Coalition
14. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
15. Emoluments of the President
16. Other business

Process leading up to the election of the President of IFAD in February 2009

## Programme of events

### Wednesday, 13 February 2008

#### **Morning meeting**                      **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.                      Inaugural ceremony  
 Commencement of consideration of agenda items

#### **Afternoon meeting**                      **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.                      Continuation of consideration of agenda items

### Thursday, 14 February 2008

#### **Morning meeting**                      **9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.                      Continuation of consideration of agenda items

10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.                      Round-table discussions

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

- Climate change and the future of smallholder agriculture: How can the rural poor people be a part of the solution to climate change?
- Biofuel expansion: Challenges, risks and opportunities for rural poor people
- Growing demand on agriculture and rising prices of commodities: An opportunity for smallholders in low-income, agricultural-based countries?

#### **Afternoon meeting**                      **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

3 p.m. to 5.50 p.m.                      Continuation of consideration of agenda items

5.50 p.m. to 6 p.m.                      Closure of the session

