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Agenda and programme of events

Governing Council — Thirty-second Session
Rome, 18-19 February 2009

For: **Approval**

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. Appointment 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 2007
10. Administrative and capital budgets of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2009
11. Proposal for a voluntary separation programme
12. Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board
13. Report of the Emoluments Committee
14. Special expenditure for IFAD's new headquarters
15. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
16. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
17. Other business

Programme of events

Wednesday, 18 February 2009

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

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

Afternoon meeting **3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Continuation of consideration of agenda items

3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Round-table discussions

Three round tables, held simultaneously, will focus on the challenges currently faced by smallholder farmers and on ways to help them meet these challenges. Discussions will centre on: how smallholder farmers can deal with unpredictable markets and high price volatility; the growing demand for land; and the need for research and innovation in the context of a rapidly changing climate and environment.

Thursday, 19 February 2009

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

9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Continuation of consideration of agenda items

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

