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to overcome poverty

Agenda and programme of events

Governing Council — Thirty-third Session
Rome, 17-18 February 2010

For: **Approval**

Agenda

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council
4. Statement by the President of IFAD
5. General statements
6. Report on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources
7. Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2008
8. IFAD's capital and administrative budgets and the budget of the Office of Evaluation for 2010
9. Revision of IFAD's Lending Policies and Criteria
10. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
11. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
12. Other business

Programme of events

Wednesday, 17 February 2010

Morning session

9.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

- 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Inaugural ceremony (a Head of State is expected to inaugurate the Council).
- 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Consideration of agenda items.

Afternoon session

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. **Interactive dialogue on the theme of the Governing Council:** *"From summit resolutions to farmers' fields: Climate change, food security and smallholder agriculture"*. The panel would be composed of two or three guest speakers and two or three heads of delegation who would each speak for no more than five minutes, followed by a question-and-answer session.
- 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Continuation of consideration of agenda items, including general statements.
- 7 p.m. Reception for all delegates

Thursday, 18 February 2010

Morning session

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Continuation of consideration of agenda items, including general statements.
- 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Several events will be held simultaneously on specific topics. The events may be chaired by ministers or senior representatives from the regions involved and, if possible, include guests invited to the Council, heads of delegations and the IFAD staff concerned.
- 12 a.m. to 12.50 p.m. Conclusion of remaining agenda items, including general statements.
- 12.50 p.m. to 1 p.m. Closure of the session.
- 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch hosted by President Nwanze for heads of delegation.

