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## **Agenda and programme of events**

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Rome, 22-23 February 2012

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## **Agenda**

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council
4. Applications for non-original membership
5. Statement of the President of IFAD
6. General statements
7. Report on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources
8. Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's resources
9. Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2010
10. IFAD's capital and administrative budgets and the budget of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2012
11. Revision of the Financial Regulations of IFAD
12. Report on the special expenditure for the Voluntary Separation Programme for IFAD for 2011
13. Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board
14. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
15. Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020
16. Other business

## Programme of events

### Wednesday, 22 February 2012

#### Morning session

**9 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.**

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| 9 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.      | Commencement of consideration of agenda items  |
| 9.15 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.   | Inaugural ceremony – Keynote speaker<br>His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda    |
| 9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.   | Statement of the President of IFAD   |
| 9.45 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.  | High-level panel discussion: “Feed the world, protect the planet”  |
| 11.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m. | General statements   |
| 11.50 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. | Inaugural ceremony – Keynote speaker<br>His Excellency Mario Monti, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic |
| 12.15 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.  | General statements and continuation of consideration of agenda items                                       |

#### Afternoon session

**3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

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| 3 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. | Keynote speaker – His Excellency Joseph Nyuma Boakai, Vice-President of the Republic of Liberia on behalf of Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia  |
| 3.15 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Centre-stage event: “What promise will Rio herald for agriculture?”<br>A conversation with Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network   |
| 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.    | Regional side events (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieving food security in sub-Saharan Africa through conservation agriculture</li> <li>• Community and Participatory Management of Natural Resources: Experiences from Mesoamerica’s Indigenous Peoples and Forest Communities</li> <li>• Crop for the future: enhancing resilience of smallholder farmers through improved crop varieties in the context of climate change</li> <li>• Investing in green agriculture: the role of the diaspora</li> </ul> |
| 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.    | General statements   |
| 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.    | Reception for all delegates  |

**Thursday, 23 February 2012****Morning session                      9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

9 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	General statements
9.45 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Keynote speaker – His Excellency Andrea Riccardi, Minister for International Cooperation and Integration Policies, the Italian Republic
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Centre-stage event with Mr Bill Gates, Founder and Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. “Sustainable agricultural productivity: the key to poverty reduction”
11 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.	High-level panel with policymakers: “From words to actions: Creating a sustainable future for smallholder farmers”
12.45 p.m. – 12.55 p.m.	President’s concluding remarks
12.55 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Chairperson’s closing statement
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Farewell lunch