

Governing Council 2012

Schedule of events

as of 22 February 2012

Day 1 of the Governing Council

Wednesday, 22 February 2012

- 9 a.m. Opening of the session
- 9 a.m. – 9.10 a.m. Adoption of the agenda and election of the Governing Council Bureau
- 9.10 a.m. – 9.15 a.m. Remarks by the Chairperson
- 9.15 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. Keynote speaker – His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda
- 9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Statement by President Kanayo F. Nwanze
- 9.45 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. High-level panel discussion: “Feed the world, protect the planet”
Mr Bruce McNamer, President and Chief Executive Officer, TechnoServe
Ms Nivedita Banerji, Secretary, Samaj Pragati Sahayog
Mr Andre Leu, President, International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
Dr Pamela K. Anderson, Director General, International Potato Center
Ms Estrella Penunia Banzuela, Secretary General of the Asian Farmer’s Association for Sustainable Development
Moderator: Mr Nik Gowing, international broadcaster
(Panellists subject to amendment)
- 11.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m. General statements
- 11.50 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. Keynote speaker – His Excellency Mario Monti, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic
(Programme and timing subject to amendment)
- End of inaugural ceremony***
- 12.15 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. Business items for approval and for information
- 1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Luncheon for keynote speakers and panellists
- 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. “What promise will Rio herald for agriculture?”
A conversation with Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network
Moderator: Ms Naga Munchetty, international broadcaster

4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Regional side events (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieving food security in sub-Saharan Africa through conservation agriculture • Community and Participatory Management of Natural Resources: Experiences from Mesoamerica's Indigenous Peoples and Forest Communities • Crop for the future: enhancing resilience of smallholder farmers through improved crop varieties in the context of climate change • Investing in green agriculture: the role of the diaspora
6 p.m. – 7 p.m.	General statements
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Reception for all delegates

Day 2 of the Governing Council

Thursday, 23 February 2012

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" Moderator: Ms Isha Sesay, international broadcaster
11 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.	High-level panel with policymakers: "From words to actions: Creating a sustainable future for smallholder farmers" His Excellency Dr Akinwumi Ayo Adesina, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Federal Republic of Nigeria Her Excellency Marie-Josée Jacobs, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg Her Excellency Doña Nemesia Achacollo Tola, Minister for Rural Development and Land, Plurinational State of Bolivia His Excellency Mehmet Mehdi Eker, Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Republic of Turkey Mr Carlos Seré, Chief Development Strategist, IFAD Moderator: Ms Naga Munchetty, international broadcaster
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
Afternoon (if necessary)	Business items

For Information

Thursday, 23 February 2012 – Italian Conference Room

2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Briefing on the Mexican Presidency of the G-20
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