Governing Council 2014
Investing in smallholder family farmers for the future we want
Tentative schedule of events
as of 14 February 2014

Tuesday, 18 February

14.30 – 16.00  Pre-GC Thematic side meeting
Achieving a sustainable future for all: Rural transformation and the post-2015 agenda
Panellists:
- H.E. Gerda Verburg, Chair of the Committee on World Food Security
- H.E. Papa Abdoulaye Seck, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Equipment of the Republic of Senegal
- Mr Adolfo Brizzi, Director, IFAD Policy and Technical Advisory Division
Moderator: Mr Stefano Prato, Managing Director, Society for International Development, Regional Office for Eastern Africa

16.30 – 18.30  The fifth global meeting of the Farmers’ Forum – afternoon session
Italian Conference room (Open to GC participants)

Day 1 of the Governing Council

Wednesday, 19 February 2014

9.00  Opening of the session
9.00 – 9.05  Adoption of the agenda
9.05 – 9.10  Remarks by the outgoing Chairperson
9.10 – 9.15  Election of the Governing Council Bureau
9.15 – 9.20  Application for Non-original Membership
Inaugural Ceremony
9.20 – 9.30  Remarks by the incoming Chairperson
9.30 – 9.45  H.E. Fabrizio Saccomanni, Minister for Economy and Finance of the Italian Republic
9.45 – 10.00  Mr Abdullah Jumma Alshibly, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf
10.00 – 10.15  Statement by the President
10.15 – 11.45  **Panel:** Spotlight on the International Year of Family Farming  
Panellists:
- Mr Ibrahim Coulibaly, Mali  
- Mr Yazdi Rashadi Shaaban, United Republic of Tanzania  
- Mr Oliver Oliem, The Philippines  
- Mr Luiz Carlos Ribeiro de Lima, Brazil  
- Ms Cielo Baez, Colombia  
- Ms Georgette Ebrahim Aziz, Syrian Arab Republic

**Moderator:** Ms Lucy Hockings

11.45 – 12.30  Business items for approval and for information

12.30 – 13.30  General Statements

13.30 – 15.00  Luncheon for special guests and ministers

15.00 – 18.00  **High-level Governors’ round-table:** Investing in smallholder family farmers for the future we want  
Italian Conference Room

18.00 – 18.30  Business items for approval and for information

18.30 – 19.30  General statements

19.30 – 21.00  Reception for all delegates

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**Day 2 of the Governing Council**

**Thursday, 20 February 2014**

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8.30 – 9.30  **Networking event:** Coffee tasting

9.30 – 10.00  **One-on-one session:** A conversation with Mr Paul Polman, Chief Executive Officer, Unilever

10.00 – 11.30  **Private sector panel:** Small farmers = Big business  
Panellists:
- Mr Paul Polman, Chief Executive Officer, Unilever  
- Ms Laksmi Prasvita, Executive Director, Partnership for Indonesia’s Sustainable Agriculture (PISAgro), Indonesia  
- Ms Merling Preza Ramos, Director, PRODECOOP (Fair Trade Cooperative), Nicaragua  
- Mr Andrew Rugasira, Chief Executive Officer, Good African Coffee, Uganda  
- Mr Bill Vorley, International Institute for Environment and Development

**Moderator:** Ms Nisha Pillai

11.30 – 11.45  Business items for approval and for information

11.45 – 12.30  **Stories from the field:** Investment in the transformation of rural people’s lives

12.30 – 12.35  Report back from the Governors’ round-table

12.35 – 13.10  General statements

13.10 – 13.15  President’s concluding remarks

13.15 – 13.20  Closure of the session: Chairperson’s closing statement

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**For information**

**Thursday, 20 February 2014 – Italian Conference room**

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