

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

Plenary Hall (Open to GC participants)

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 Jummah 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 Yazidi 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

Day 2 of the Governing Council

Thursday, 20 February 2014

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

For information

Thursday, 20 February 2014 – Italian Conference room

17.00 – 19.00 IFAD10