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Monday, 13 February 2017 - Governing Council programme of seminars

9.30 – 10.15
Launch: IFAD Journal of Law and Rural Development
(IFAD Lounge)

11.00 – 12.00
Briefing by Germany on the G20 Presidency
(Plenary Hall)

12.15 – 14.00
International Center for Tropical Agriculture at 50 -
Banking on science: A pathway to prosperity
(Plenary Hall)

14.15 – 15.45
Briefing by Italy on the G7 Presidency
(Plenary Hall)

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16.00 – 17.30
Third global meeting of the Indigenous Peoples’ Forum –
Closing session (open to Governors and Executive Board
representatives)
(Italian Conference Room)

17.30 – 18.30
Reception - Indigenous Peoples’ Forum co-hosted by the
Permanent Representation of the Argentine Republic to the
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, IFAD,
World Food Programme and Slow Food
(Conference area -1)
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Day 1 of the Governing Council
Tuesday, 14 February 2017

9.00 Opening of the session
9.00 – 9.15 Remarks by the Chairperson
9.15 – 9.25 Adoption of the agenda
9.30 *** Opening of the inaugural ceremony ***
Welcoming statement by the President of IFAD, Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze
Keynote speaker – Her Excellency Bibi Ameenah Firdaus Gurib-Fakim, President of the Republic of Mauritius
Keynote speaker – His Excellency Maurizio Martina Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policy of the Italian Republic
Statement by Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of IFAD
10.40 *** Closing of the inaugural ceremony ***
10.45 – 11.30 Business items for approval and information and general statements
11.30 – 13.30 Appointment of the President of IFAD*
First ballot
13.30 – 15.00 Lunch in honour of special guests and to welcome heads of Member State delegations
15.00 – 17.00 Governors’ dialogue: IFAD’s Path to 2030
(Italian Conference room)
Moderator: Ms Lyse Doucet, Chief International Correspondent, BBC
Featured presenter: Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer and Head of Mission, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network
Panellists:
• The Honourable Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, Minister for Finance of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
• Her Excellency Hadizatou Rosine Coulibaly, Minister for Economy and Finance of Burkina Faso
• Her Excellency Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Kléé, Ambassador, Director General Multilateral and Economic Affairs, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guatemala to the United Nations Agencies in Rome
• Mr Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Director, Section for United Nations Policy Department for United Nations and Humanitarian Affairs of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
17.00 – 17.45 Business items for approval and information
17.45 – 19.15 Appointment of the President of IFAD*
Second ballot
19.15 – 20.45 Appointment of the President of IFAD*
Third ballot
20.45 – 22.00 Reception for all delegates in association with the World Association of Chefs’ Societies (Worldchefs)

* Private meeting for those casting votes, to continue until completion of vote by secret ballot.
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Day 2 of the Governing Council

**Wednesday, 15 February 2017**

8.30 – 9.00  Networking breakfast

9.00 – 10.30  **Appointment of the President of IFAD***

Fourth ballot

10.30 – 11.45  General statements and business items for approval and for information


*Moderator:* Ms Mirna Cunningham, President of the Centre for Indigenous Peoples’ Autonomy and Development

*Special guest:* Ms Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

*Panellists:*
- Ms Joan Carling, former Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Philippines)
- Mr Elifuraha Laltaika, Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (United Republic of Tanzania)
- Ms Maria Teresa Zapeta Mendoza, Programme Manager, International Indigenous Women’s Forum (Guatemala)
- Mr Jorge Alberto Jiménez, General Director, Bureau for Comprehensive Social Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (El Salvador)

13.15 – 13.25  Business items for approval and information

13.25 – 13.35  Concluding remarks by the President and Chairperson

13.35 – 13.40  Closure of the session

* Private meeting for those casting votes, to continue until completion of vote by secret ballot. If needed, additional ballots may be held on Wednesday afternoon.

**FOR INFORMATION**

On Thursday, 16 and Friday, 17 February 2017, IFAD will hold the first session of the Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources (Italian Conference Room)