Programme for the Ceremony on the occasion of World Food Day Friday, 15 October 2010

0915 - 0930 Assembly of guests in the Plenary Hall

0930 Moderator opens the ceremony and presents the World Food Day Video Spot

FAO Director-General's Address

Moderator introduces Ms. Jeanie Borlaug Laube accompanied by Ms. Julie Borlaug

Director-General presents the Agricola Medal (post-humous) to Dr Norman Borlaug

Response by a representative of the Borlaug family

Musical Interlude: Anggun, Indonesia

Keynote Statement by His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda

Awarding of World Food Day Medal to the winners of the United Nations Women's Guild World Food Day poster competition

Statement by the Honourable Vincenzo Scotti, Under-Secretary of State, Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Message from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI read by Monsignor Renato Volante, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to FAO

World Food Day Video, "United against Hunger"

Statement by Mr. Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Statement by Ms. Josette Sheeran, Executive Director of the World Food Programme

Musical Interlude: Lea Salonga, Philippines

Video on FAO Goodwill Ambassadors/ European Professional Football Leagues and "The 1billionhungry project"

Nomination of New FAO Goodwill Ambassadors: Raul Bova, actor, Italy; Lea Salonga singer Philippines; Susan Sarandon, actress, USA; and Céline Dion, singer, Canada (on video)

Blowing the whistles on hunger and signing of the 1billionhungry petition to end hunger by the special guests

11.00 Moderator closes the ceremony