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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Documents of the Conference** The documents of the Conference are posted at <http://www.fao.org/bodies/conf/c2011/en/>. A very limited quantity will also be available during the Conference at the Documents Desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre (1st Floor of Building A).
- Statements** Due to the limited availability of speaking time, statements will be limited to **five minutes**. When a representative or observer has spoken for his/her allotted time, the Chairperson shall call him/her to order.
- Written statements by Heads of Delegation for Plenary** To ensure both accurate interpretation of statements and timely production of verbatim records, delegations are kindly requested to submit the electronic version of their statements (WORD or PDF) to: Conference-Statements@fao.org at least one hour before delivery. The name of the delegation and speaker should be indicated at the top of the first page in one of the following languages: English, French or Spanish.
- Given the need to produce verbatim records within a tight time frame, preference is given to the use of e-mail to submit statements. Those unable to use e-mail for this purpose are kindly requested to send the text by fax to: (+39) 06-89280554 or to hand in written statements in nine (9) copies to be delivered by their Head of Delegation to Room A-273E as soon as possible, where they will be distributed to the interpreters and verbatim teams.
- The meeting will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. If speakers wish to make statements in a language other than these, they must provide a text in one of the aforementioned languages to the Secretariat. The delegation concerned should also make available to the Interpretation Group (please refer to Room A273E, tel. (+39) 06-57052485) a person who knows both the language in which the statement is delivered and the language into which it has been translated to ensure synchronization between the speaker and the interpreter.
- Participants wishing to make available copies of their statements to the Conference participants should provide the desired number of copies to the Documents Desk, at the Korean Conference Service Centre (1st Floor, Building A, at the entrance of the Red and Green Rooms).
- Provisional List of Participants** A limited number of Provisional Lists of Participants will be available from the afternoon of Tuesday 28 June 2011 at the Documents Desk, Korean Conference Service Centre (1st Floor, Building A) for the purpose of checking the accuracy of the entries only. Participants are requested to submit any corrections or amendments to this list to the Documents Desk, at the Korean Conference Service Centre, for inclusion in the final list which will be included in the final report

of the Conference on the Conference as a Web Annex. Delegates who have not yet registered are kindly requested to do so in the Turkish Registration Centre on the Ground Floor of Building A.

Electronic voting system

The Plenary Hall of FAO is equipped with an electronic voting system. The system can be used: (a) to determine the number of Delegations present in the room (for the purpose of determining a quorum); (b) to carry out a vote without recording names (equivalent to vote by show of hands); and (c) to carry out a nominal vote (equivalent to vote by roll call) and provide afterwards a list of Delegations having votes “for”, “against” or “abstaining”.

The system cannot be used for secret ballots, including elections. Therefore secret ballots are conducted in accordance with the relevant legal provisions using tellers, ballot papers, voting booths, ballot boxes and a counting room. Two large electronic panels in the Plenary Hall show the result of each vote taken; in addition a formal printed record is provided to the Chairperson and the Elections Officer for certification of the results of the vote.

Election of Council Members

Nomination forms for Member Nations wishing to be elected to the Council are appended to document **C 2011/11**. All forms should be completed and signed by the delegate of the country standing for election to the Council and by two nominating delegations, which need not necessarily be from the same region as the candidate.

The forms should be submitted to Room A139, Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference, by **12.00 hours on Monday, 27 June 2011** at the latest.

In accordance with Rule XXII.10(g) of the GRO “... Candidates who are unsuccessful in the election to fill the vacancy or vacancies occurring in the first calendar year shall be included among the candidates for election to the vacancy or vacancies occurring at the end of the second calendar year, except where they voluntarily withdraw.”

Bilateral meeting rooms

A limited number of bilateral meeting rooms are available for use by delegations on an hourly basis. (Please refer to Room A231, ext. 55979 or 52461).

Informal meeting of Observers of INGOs

The Office of Corporate Communication and External Relations, OCE, will hold an information meeting with Observers from International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) attending the 37th Session of the Conference from 09:30 to 12.30 hours on Saturday 25 June in the Philippines Room (C277).

Rinderpest Eradication Ceremony

The Global Rinderpest Eradication Programme (GREP) was created at FAO in 1994 as an international coordination mechanism to promote the global eradication of rinderpest and verification of rinderpest freedom. The campaign is approaching its goal: in June 2011 rinderpest will become the first animal disease to be eradicated thanks to human efforts. More information about GREP can be found at : <http://www.fao.org/about/features/70551/en/>

In view of the significance of this outstanding success of the international community, a commemorative event for unveiling of a plaque celebrating "Global Freedom from Rinderpest" has been scheduled on Saturday, 25 June at 8.30 hours in the Plenary Hall.

An official declaration, prepared jointly by FAO and OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) will be adopted under Item 14 of the Conference in Commission I (Green Room) on the morning of Tuesday, 28 June.

An exhibition will be displayed in the Flag Hall from 25 June through 2 July.

Environmentally friendly Conference

Participants are invited to enjoy the following climate-friendly goods and services:

- Recycle. Use FAO's colour-coded waste bins.
- Reduce consumption of bottled water and cut plastic waste. Use a refillable bottle (available at the Commissary) to serve yourself natural or sparkling water from one of FAO's new water fountains.
- Conference and Council documents have been printed double-sided on 100% recycled paper in a reduced number of copies.
- Consult documents on line and think twice before requesting copies.
- When printing, use the Conference printers that are set to double-sided printing and filled with ecological paper.

Medical emergencies

For medical emergencies, participants may dial 30 from in-house telephones or 06-57053400 from outside FAO Headquarters. For other medical services, participants may call extension 53577 from in-house telephones (06-57053577 from outside FAO Headquarters). They may also go directly to the Medical Service (1st Floor, Building B) during working hours of the Conference.

For urgent medical assistance outside the working hours, participants are requested to call 118 or *Guardia Medica/Doctors-on-Call* 06-570600 or use the services of the hotel doctor.

Travel facilities (flight reservation and reconfirmation)

Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT) is the official travel agency of the Conference. Their offices, located on the Ground Floor of Building D (Room D074), are open from 09.00 to 17.00 hours.

For further information, participants may contact CWT on 55970 (or 06-57055970 from outside FAO) or by e-mail: faotravel@cwtbook.it.

For emergency requirements outside business hours, CWT offer a 24-Hour Emergency Service dedicated to providing traveller assistance (Tel: from within Italy 800-871932; and (+44) 208-7579000 from all other countries).

Catering facilities

The FAO Headquarters complex offers the following dining and snack bar facilities. A reduced service will be available on Sunday 26 June (see Journal for that day for more details).

- **Cafeteria** - Terrace (8th Floor Building B): 11.45 to 14.30 hours.
- **FAO Restaurant** (A la Carte Menu) (8th Floor Building C): extension 56823 (tel. 06-57056823): 12.00 to 14.30 hours.
- **Polish Bar** (Ground Floor Building A) (**Limited Access to Delegates**): 07.30 hours to end of last evening session.
- **Bar B** (8th Floor Building B): 08.30 to 15.00 hours.
- **Blue Bar (or Bar C)** (8th Floor Building C): 07.30 to 17.00 hours.
- **Bar D** (Ground Floor Building D): 07.30 to 17.00 hours.

Payments accepted only in Euros. Bancomat and credit cards are accepted at the Restaurant, Polish Bar and Blue Bar.

Vending machines and water dispensers: in various locations throughout the building.

Banking and currency exchange facilities

- The *Banca Intesa San Paolo* is located on the Ground Floor, Building B, and is open from 08.35 to 16.35 hours.
- The *Banca Popolare di Sondrio* is located on the Ground Floor, Building D (D016), and is open from 08:30 to 16:30 hours.

The banks are open every day except Sunday 26 June.

Cash dispensers (ATM) for credit card withdrawals are located at the entrance of both Banks and the Post Office, which is on the left of *Banca Intesa San Paolo*.

WiFi coverage and Internet point Wireless Internet Service (WiFi) for Conference participants will be available in and around the Plenary Hall, the Red and Green Rooms, and in other meeting rooms. In order to use the service, a laptop or PDA that has Wireless LAN capabilities, conforming to 802.11b or 802.11g standards, is needed. The following user network, name and password should be used:

Network: **Guest_Internet**
Username: **visitor**
Password: **2go2web**

Internet points are available for participants in the Atrium, located on the Ground Floor between Building A and Building B. The computers in this area allow access to the Internet and can be used for personal e-mail account access and FAO Web site browsing.

Prayer Room A Prayer Room is available for use by Conference participants in Room A250 Ter.

Cloakroom A cloakroom is situated in the Atrium, Ground Floor between Buildings A and B.

Pigeon holes at the Korean Conference Service Centre (First floor, Building A) Delegates are kindly requested to refrain from distributing documents in the meeting rooms during the Conference. Documents for other delegations may be left at the Korean Conference Service Centre, located at the entrance of the Red and Green Rooms. Delegates should pick up the contents of their pigeon holes regularly.

FAO tree park The park in front of Building A was planted in the early 1950s and some additional trees and other plants were added over the years. The renovated park was inaugurated at the 19th Session of the Committee on Forestry in 2009 to offer a common outside area which can be used by Conference delegates and FAO staff.

Special Event

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ROOM
Saturday 25 June 2011	8.30-9.30	Ceremony for the Unveiling of the Rinderpest Eradication Plaque	Plenary Hall (3 rd Floor Building A)

Side Events

The following side events will take place during the Conference:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ROOM
Saturday 25 June 2011	13.00-14.30	Presentation of the FAO publication "Save and Grow"	Iran Room (B016)
Monday 27 June 2011	13.00-14.30	<i>Women's role in Agricultural Development</i> (organized by the United States of America)	Austria Room (C237)
	13.00-14.30	Signing ceremony of a Statement of Intent on a Programmatic Cooperation on Food Security and Nutrition between the EU and the Rome-based UN Agencies	Iran Room (B016)
Tuesday 28 June 2011	13.00-14.30	FAO preparations for Rio+20: Greening the Economy with Agriculture	Iran Room (B016)
Wednesday 29 June 2011	13.00-14.30	Innovative Financing for Development	King Faisal Room (D263)
Thursday 30 June 2011	13.00-14.30	Briefing Session on the Multilateral System of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) and the CBD-Nagoya Protocol: Towards a harmonious implementation after GB4 in Bali	Iran Room (B016)
	13.00-14.30	INGO Side Event on Women in Agriculture	Philippines Room (C277)
Friday 1 July 2011	13.00-14.30	Event on the proposed International Year of Family Farming (organized by the World Rural Forum)	Philippines Room (C277)
Saturday 2 July 2011	10.00-11.00	Handover ceremony of the AFC (Asian Football Against Hunger) contribution to the Director-General	Iran Room (B016)

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