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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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Wednesday, 6 June, 2012

09.00 - 10.15 Registration

11.00 - 12.00 Opening Ceremony:

- Prof. Antonio Marzano, Presidente, CNEL
- Mr. Gianni Alemanno, Mayor of Rome
- Mr. Graziano Da Silva, Director General, FAO, Rome
- Mr. Kanayo F. Nwanze, President, IFAD, Rome
- Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, WFP, Rome
- Mr. Robert Carlson, President, World Farmers' Organisation
- His Excellency, Mr. Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Italian Republic

Moderator: Dr. Marco Marzano de Marinis, Executive Director, WFO, Rome

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 16.30 Statutory issues and policy discussions

- Mr. Robert Carlson, President's report
- Mr. Marco Marzano de Marinis, Executive Director, Statement on the state of WFO
- Mr. Settimio Desideri, Head of Auditors, Auditors' Report

Discussion

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 - 18.15 WFO-FAO joint session on: what is the enabling environment needed for thriving Producer Organizations and Cooperatives

- Mr. Jervis Zimba, President, ZNFU, Lusaka
- Mr. Berit Hundala, Vice President, Norges Bondelag, Oslo
- Mr. Mitsuo Murakami, Vice President, JA Zenchu, Tokyo

Moderator: Mrs. Marcela Villarreal, Director, ESW (Gender, Equity, Rural employment), Food and Agriculture Organisation, FAO

Thursday, 7 June, 2012

09.00 - 11.00 Session 1

What Tomorrow for today's farmers

- The position of farmers in the world economy: Challenges, limitation and barriers for being part of the business value chain

Mr. Peter Kendall, President, National Farmers Union, UK

- Practical role and challenges of Farmer Organizations in developing Countries

Mr. Nduati Kariuki Chairman, Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers (KENFAP), Nairobi

-The future of farmers within the market: power by cooperating in the food chain

Mr. Albert-Jan Maat, President, LTO, The Hague

- The multiple role of farmers in a sustainable society

Dr. Stefano Padulosi, Senior scientist , Integrated Conservation Methodology and Use Program, Bioversity International, Rome

Discussion

Moderator: H.E. Gerda Verburg, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the FAO, to the WFP and to the IFAD, Rome

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.30 Session 2

Towards a 9 billion world population: Concerns, policies and strategies for ensuring food security

- Meeting The Demand for Food Security. Building Domestic Capacity and Facilitating Trade

Mr. Ron Bonnett, President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ottawa

- Ensuring food security in sub-Saharan Africa, a way through

Dr. Martin Eweg, , AFAAS board, South Africa

- Introducing the Global Agenda of Action on Sustainable Livestock Sector Development

Dr. Jeroen Dijkman, Senior Officer, Livestock Information, Sector and Policy Branch, Animal Production and Health Division, FAO Rome

- Purchase for Progress (P4P)

Mr. Ken Davies, Coordinator, P4P, WFP, Rome

- The role of IFAD in supporting Farmers Organisations

Mr. Jean-Philippe Audinet, Senior Technical Advisor, Policy and Technical Advisory Division, IFAD, Rome

Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Giuseppe Politi, President, CIA, Rome

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 Session 3

New trends and challenges in farmers' businesses

- The agriculture value chain, identifying a better position for farmers in the global market

Mr. Jonathan Hepburn, Agriculture Program Manager, ICTSD, Geneva, Switzerland

- Capacity building and research action

Mr. Nicola Francesconi, CGIAR, IFPRI, Dakar

- Access to money, the farmers constant challenge: how farmers get access to credit

-- Mr. Giorgio Piazza, President, CreditAgri Italia, Coldiretti, Rome,

-- Mr. Lou Munden, Muden Project.

Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General, Copa-Cogeca, Bruxelles

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 18.00 Session 4

New trends and challenges in the farmer's businesses (cont.)

- Agriculture Research for Development: GFAR, GCARD and Farmers' Organizations

Mr. Thomas Price, Senior Officer, Agricultural Innovation and Society, FAO, Rome

- The role of education and management of talents for agriculture's small holders

Mrs. Jennie van der Mheen-Sluijer, Agricultural Economics Research Institute, Wageningen, Netherland

- The Farm Channel: Filling the Agricultural Extension Gap Using ICT

Mr. Delore Zimmerman, President & CEO, Praxis Strategy Group & The Farm Channel, USA

Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Luc Guyau, Independent Chairperson of the Council, FAO, Rome

19.30

Social dinner

Friday, 8 June, 2012

09.00 - 11.00 Session 5

The challenge of climate change in farmers' businesses

- Climate services: how to better serve the farmers' needs by implementing early warning system.

Mr. Robert Stefansky, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

- How climate change is affecting farmers' businesses

Dr Sonja Vermeulen, Head of Research, CGIAR Research Program Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), Copenhagen

- Climate Smart agriculture: the role of farmers in a greener economy

Dr. Peter Holmgren, Director, Climate, Energy and Tenure Division, FAO, Rome

- The UN Climate Change negotiations: status, way forward and the role of WFO.

Ms. Anette Engelund Friis, Advisor, Energy & Environment Division, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, Copenhagen

- Rio+20 Sustainable Development Conference: Engagement for Farmers and Potential Outcomes on Agriculture

Ms. Robynne Anderson, Consultant, World Farmers Organisation

- International Year of Family Farming 2014

Mr. Jose Antonio Osaba Garcia, Officer, World Rural Forum, Arkaute, Araba

Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Charles Ogang, president, Uganda Farmers Federation, Kampala, Uganda

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 13.30

Statutory issues and policy discussions; WFO towards the future

Discussion

13.30

Closing ceremony

Saturday, 9 June, 2012

VISIT TO LOCAL FARMERS IN THE DISTRICT OF ROME

SUPPORTED BY CIA & COLDIRETTI

9.15	Pick up at Hotel Aldrovandi Pick up at Hotel Mecenate
10.30 -12.30	Visit to Azienda "Ortosole" CIA associate member Via della Muratella Mezzana, 00050 Torrimpietra Fiumicino Roma
12.30 – 13.00	Moving to the next visit
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch at Agriturismo "Casale del Castellaccio"
14.30 – 16.30	Visit of the Agriturismo "Casale del Castellaccio", Coldiretti associate member via di Castel Campanile 581, 00050 Fiumicino - Roma (loc. Palidoro)
16.30	Return transport to pick up points

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