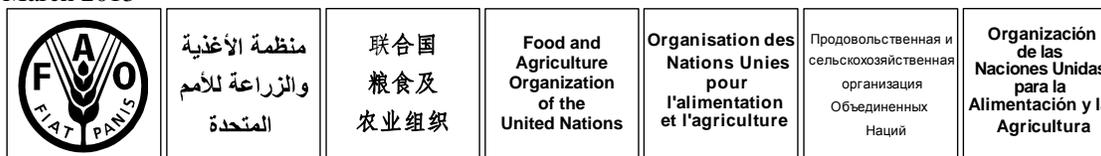


March 2013



# International Rice Commission

## Special Session

Rome, Italy, 13-14 June 2013

### Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

#### I. Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The Special Session of the International Rice Commission (IRC) will be held from 13-14 June 2013 at FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy. The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Thursday, 13 June 2013.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be made:
  - Chair of the IRC;
  - on behalf of FAO.

#### II. Item 2: Organizational matters

##### a) Adoption of the Agenda

3. The Commission may wish to adopt its Agenda, amended as appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document IRC 2013/1 and annotated agenda IRC 2013/2.

##### b) Organization of work

4. The Commission may wish to establish special or standing committees and ad hoc subsidiary bodies as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates.
5. The Commission may wish to decide to meet from 10.00 to 13.00 hours and from 15.00 to 18.00 hours, subject to adjustments as necessary.

##### c) Report on the credentials of representatives to the Special Session

6. Rule III of the Rules of Procedure for the IRC provides that the credentials of representatives must be deposited with the Secretariat no later than the opening day of each session of the Commission. The credentials should be issued either by a Head of State or Government or by a minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization or international organization, by the competent authority of that organization.
7. If credentials are submitted in copy or by fax, the original should be submitted upon registration. Submission of credentials prior to the Session would greatly facilitate the advance clearance of credentials by the Secretariat.

8. Representatives of members of the Commission may participate in the Session pending a decision of the Commission on their credentials.
9. The Secretariat, with the assistance of the FAO Legal Office, will examine the credentials of the representatives of the members of the Commission and report thereon to the Session which will consider the report.

### **III. Item 3: Matters related to the work of the Commission**

10. The Commission will consider one sub-item under this agenda item.
  - a) *Discussion and decision on the future of the Commission*
11. The Commission has before it a note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft resolution on the future of the Commission prepared by the working group established at its 22nd Session (IRC 2013/3).
12. The Commission may wish to take note of the information provided and consider the draft resolution proposed in document IRC 2013/3.

### **IV. Item 4: Other matters**

13. The Commission may wish to consider other matters raised during the course of the meeting.

### **V. Item 5: Adoption of the report**

14. The Commission will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the Secretariat.

### **VI. Item 6: Closure of the meeting**

15. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chair by 18.00 hours on Friday, 14 June 2013.