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# CONFERENCE

## Thirty-fourth Session

Rome, 17 - 24 November 2007

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A complete guide entitled *Information for Participants to Meetings at FAO Headquarters* is available on the FAO Web site at <http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/council/cl133/infparticipantscl133.htm>. Additional announcements are also made in the Daily Journal of the Conference.

For reasons of economy, this document is produced in a limited number of copies. Delegates and observers are kindly requested to bring it to the meetings and to refrain from asking for additional copies, unless strictly indispensable.  
Most FAO meeting documents are available on Internet at [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org)

## High-Level Special Events during Conference

The following high-level special events have been scheduled during Conference:

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ROOM
<b>Monday</b> 19 November 2007	14.30-17.30 hours	<b>High-Level Special Event:</b> <i>The Role of Aquaculture in Sustainable Development</i> (C 2007/INF/16)	Green Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Bld. A)
<b>Tuesday</b> 20 November 2007	14.00-17.00 hours	<b>High-Level Special Event:</b> <i>Forests and Energy</i> (C 2007/INF/17)	Green Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Bld. A)
	18.30-20.30 hours	<b>High-Level Special Event:</b> <i>Financing of Agriculture</i> (C 2007/INF/18)	Green Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Bld. A)
<b>Wednesday</b> 21 November 2007	10.30-12.30 hours	<b>High-Level Special Event:</b> <i>Food Quality and Safety</i> (C 2007/INF/19)	Green Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Bld. A)
	14.30-16.30 hours	<b>High-Level Special Event:</b> <i>Aid for Trade and Food Security</i> (C 2007/INF/20)	Green Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Bld. A)

### Side Events:

The following side events will also take place during the Conference.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ROOM
<b>Monday</b> 19 November 2007	18.00-21.00	<i>Expansion Phase of the FAO Regional Programme in the Pacific</i> (Technical Cooperation Department, FAO)	Iran Room B016
<b>Tuesday</b> 20 November 2007	13.00-14.30	<i>Sustainable Soya Production</i> (Netherlands)	Iran Room B016
<b>Tuesday</b> 20 November 2007	13.00-14.30	<i>The Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food as a Monitoring Tool</i> (Foodfirst Information and Action Network - FIAN International)	Austria Room C237
<b>Wednesday</b> 21 November 2007	13.00-14.30	<i>Universities Action in the Agrofood Sector Implemented in the Field of Cooperation for Development – the Case of Spain</i> (Fundación Cultura de Paz, Spain)	Iran Room B016

**Audience with His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI**

On the occasion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI will receive in Audience Delegates to the Conference. The Audience will take place in the “Sala Clementina” on Thursday, 22 November 2007 at 12.00 hours. Doors to the hall will be closed at 11.30 hours.

Entrance to the Sala will be effected through the “Portone di Bronzo”, on the right-hand side of Piazza San Pietro, upon presentation of a special access card and screening through a metal detector by the Italian Police authorities.

The cards will be distributed upon request at a desk marked “Papal Audience” in the Belgian Lounge (main entrance to the Plenary Hall), on Wednesday, 21 November from 14.30 to 17.30 hours.

A bus service will be provided to and from the Vatican. Buses will leave from FAO (Building A) at 10.30 hours and will return at 13.00 hours approximately.

**Informal Meeting of Observers of INGOs**

The Strategic Planning Unit, ODGS, will hold two information meetings with Observers from International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) attending the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference from 09.00 hours to 10.00 hours on Saturday, 17 November 2007 in the Philippine Room (C277).

The meetings will address the arrangements and procedures for the participation of civil society during the Conference.

Representatives of INGOs may wish to review in particular the “Report of the Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (C 2007/7A.1-Rev.1 and C 2007/7 A.1-Corr.1)” - notably Chapter 5 devoted to Partnerships - and “Report of the Independent External Evaluation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations MANAGEMENT RESPONSE “IN-PRINCIPLE” (C 2007/7B)”.

**Registration**

As the list of Delegates and Observers appended to the Conference Report includes only the names of those who have registered as participants, including Permanent Representatives, those who have not yet registered are kindly requested to do so in the Turkish Registration Centre on the Ground Floor of Building A without further delay.

**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.

**Documents Desk,  
Korean Conference  
Service Centre**

While Conference documents were posted on the Web in advance, a very limited quantity will also be available during the Conference at the Documents Desk in the Korean Conference Service Centre, located on the First Floor of Building A (at the entrance of the Red and Green Rooms).

**Booking of Meeting  
Rooms**

Since meeting room facilities are very limited, priority will be given to requests for meetings of regional groups ahead of those for bilateral meetings. The latter will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and availability will only be confirmed 24 hours in advance. All requests/queries should be addressed to Mr Rafael Rodríguez, Room A231 Ext. 55872 (Tel. 06-57055872) or Ms Livia Cellini, Room A276 Ext. 52461 (Tel. 06-57052461 from outside the FAO buildings).

**Written Statements  
by Heads of  
Delegations for  
Plenary**

Delegates intending to make statements in the Plenary from a prepared text, and who wish to ensure that the impact of their words is equally strong in all languages, are requested to read at a reasonable speed and to hand in ten (10) copies of the texts as soon as possible in advance to Room A274, where they will be distributed to the Interpreters and Verbatim Reporters. Such a precaution will also help to minimize errors, especially when quoting figures and proper names.

It would be appreciated if statements could also be provided to the Secretariat in electronic format, to be sent preferably before the meeting to [FAO-Conference@fao.org](mailto:FAO-Conference@fao.org), for insertion in the verbatim records of the session.

**Written Statements  
by Delegations for  
other meetings**

Delegates intending to read a written statement, and who wish to ensure that the impact of their words is equally strong in all languages, are requested to read at a reasonable speed and to hand an advance copy of the text as soon as possible to one of the messengers in the meeting room. The statement will be photocopied and distributed to the Interpreters before it is delivered. Such a precaution will also help to minimize errors, especially when quoting figures and proper names.

**Election of Council  
Members**

**Nomination forms** for Member Nations wishing to be elected to the Council are appended to document C 2007/11. 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.

Such forms should be submitted to Room B202, Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference, **by 12.00 hours on Saturday, 17 November 2007 at the latest.**

In accordance with Rule XXII-10(g) 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.”

**Membership of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters**

**Nomination forms** for Member Nations wishing to be members of the Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters are appended to Document CL 133/9.

Such forms should be completed, signed and submitted to Room B202, Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, **by 12.00 hours on Monday, 19 November 2007 at the latest.**

**Membership of the World Food Programme Executive Board**

**Nomination forms** for Member Nations wishing to be members of the World Food Programme Executive Board are appended to Document CL 133/10.

Such forms should be completed, signed and submitted to Room B202, Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council, **by 12.00 hours on Monday, 19 November 2007 at the latest.**

**Membership in the Open Committees of the Council for 2008-2009**

Document C 2007/INF/13 invites Delegations to the Conference to complete and sign the form relating to membership in the Open Committees of the Council for the 2008-09 biennium, namely:

- (a) Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP)
- (b) Committee on Fisheries (COFI)
- (c) Committee on Forestry (COFO)
- (d) Committee on Agriculture (COAG)
- (e) Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

The **notification form** should be submitted to Room B202, Office of the Secretary-General of the Conference and Council. It should be noted that that the Thirty-fourth Session of the Conference will be invited to adopt a resolution regarding membership of the Open Committees of the Council which stipulates that:

“ ... Notification... may be made at any time and Membership acquired on the basis thereof shall be considered valid unless the Member has not been represented at two consecutive sessions of the Committee, or has notified its withdrawal from it. The Director-General shall circulate, at the beginning of each session of the Committee, a document listing the Members of the Committee.”

Further to approval of this resolution by the Conference, the notification request contained in the above mentioned document would be valid according to the conditions set out in the above text.

<b>Prayer Room</b>	A Prayer Room is available for use by Conference participants in Room A250 Ter.
<b>Cloakroom</b>	A cloakroom is situated in the Atrium between Buildings A and B.
<b>Pigeon Holes</b>	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.
<b>Catering Facilities</b>	Delegates are kindly requested to consult the “ <i>Information for Participants to Meetings at FAO Headquarters</i> ” on the FAO Web site at <a href="http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/council/cl133/infparticipantscl133.htm">http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/council/cl133/infparticipantscl133.htm</a> for details.

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