

**Programme for the Ceremony on the Occasion of World Food Day
Monday, 17 October 2011**

09.45

Assembly of guests in the Plenary Hall

10.00

The Moderator opens the ceremony

10.01

Screening of the video on the 60th Anniversary of the transfer of FAO to Rome, Italy

10.06

Address by Dr Jacques Diouf, Director-General
of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

10.11

Moderator thanks the Director-General and introduces the Mayor of Rome

10.12

Statement by the Honourable Gianni Alemanno, Mayor of Rome

10.16

Moderator thanks the Mayor of Rome and introduces the Italian Minister for Foreign
Affairs

10.17

Statement by His Excellency Franco Frattini, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs
and presentation of the 60th Anniversary publication to the Director-General

10.22

The Director-General thanks the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs

10:25

Screening of the video feature and spot on the World Food Day/TeleFood theme,
“Food prices: From Crisis to Stability”

10.30

The Director-General introduces the keynote speaker

10.31

Keynote address by Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet,
Former President of the Republic of Chile and currently
United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women

10.41

The Director-General thanks the keynote speaker and introduces
the performing artists

10.42

Musical Interlude

Mr. Badara Seck (Senegal) with accompanying vocalist, piano and harp
and FAO Goodwill Ambassador, Mr. Massimo Ranieri (Italy)

10.45

Director-General thanks the artists and introduces the keynote speaker

10.46

Keynote Address by His Excellency Obiang Nguema Mbasogo
President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

10.56

Director-General thanks the keynote speaker and invites him, the UN Under-Secretary-
General, the Italian Ministers and the Mayor of Rome to unveil the gift and plaque on
the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the transfer of FAO to Rome, Italy

10.59

Moderator calls students to the podium

11.00

The Director-General awards the World Food Day Year 2011 medals
to the first prize-winners of the World Food Day poster competition
organized by the United Nations Women's Guild

11.05

Moderator introduces the Italian Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies

11.06

Statement by His Excellency Francesco Saverio Romano, Italian Minister for
Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies

11.11

Moderator thanks the Italian Minister for Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies and
introduces the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to FAO

11.12

His Excellency Archbishop Luigi Travaglini, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to
FAO, reads a message from His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI

11.16

Moderator thanks the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to FAO and calls on
Ms Dee Dee Bridgewater (USA), FAO Goodwill Ambassador, to render a musical
performance

11.17

Musical performance by Ms Dee Dee Bridgewater
(with piano accompaniment)

11.22

Moderator thanks Ms Dee Dee Bridgewater and
introduces the IFAD President

11.23

Statement by the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Mr Kanayo Nwanze

11.26

Moderator thanks the IFAD President and introduces the WFP Executive Director

11.27

Statement by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP), Ms Josette Sheeran

11.30

Moderator thanks the WFP Executive Director and introduces the video

11.31

Screening of the Video Feature on FAO Goodwill Ambassadors

11.35

Moderator calls on Mr Jeremy Irons to the podium

11.37

Nomination of Mr Jeremy Irons (United Kingdom) as FAO Goodwill Ambassador

11.47

Moderator introduces Brazilian guitarist Maestro Marcos Vinicius

11.48

Guitar recital by Maestro Vinicius

12.08

The FAO Director-General thanks Maestro Vinicius and closes the ceremony