



FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Thirty-third Session

Putrajaya, Malaysia, 7–11 March 2016

NOTE ON MEDIA ACCREDITATION

The 33rd Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC33) will be held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre, Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 7 – 11 March 2016. The APRC is a major biennial event, convened by FAO, to review and make recommendations on key food and agricultural issues affecting the Asia-Pacific region.

All conference sessions are open to the media. Accreditation is required (see registration form).

The conference brings together 46 Asia-Pacific FAO member countries and a wide range of observers. Participants include ministers of agriculture from the countries of the region, senior government officials, the FAO Director-General and representatives of civil society organizations.

During the APRC, in-depth discussions will be held to consider the present state of agriculture across the region. More specifically, the discussions will focus on future prospects and emerging issues in the framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); revitalizing the rural economy through enhanced linkages between small-scale agricultural production and value chains; promoting national nutrition policies and investments, and integrating nutrition objectives into food and agriculture policy, programme design and implementation; and the promotion of 'blue growth.' A round table discussion will focus on the future of youth in agriculture.

Conference schedule:

The Senior Officers' segment (SOM) opens on Monday 7 March at 09:00 hours with an opening statement by the host Government. The SOM will proceed for three days until Wednesday 9 March. Three side events will also be convened during this period. Also, on Wednesday 9 March, a local field trip will be held. The adoption of the report of the SOM is expected around 17:00 hours. (e.g. after the field trip).

The Ministerial segment of the conference takes place on Thursday-Friday 10 and 11 March. The inaugural ceremony will start at 9:00 hours on 10 March. During this high level event, the FAO Director-General, José Graziano da Silva will deliver a statement.

A Round Table discussion on the future of youth in agriculture will be held on Friday morning 11 March, at 9:00 hours, moderated by a BBC Television presenter. The adoption of the report of the conference is scheduled for later that afternoon followed by a Final Communiqué.

More information on all proceedings and events can be found at the Conference Website:
<http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/aprc33/en/>

Media accreditation and registration: The host government will issue media badges needed for admission to the conference venue. Only journalists and media representatives with proper badges can access the plenary meeting hall. Media badges are also needed for access to other facilities, such as lounges, catering installations and service areas (shops, bank, travel agency, etc.), with the exception of those areas exclusively reserved for delegations and the conference secretariat.

In order to facilitate media registration, all journalists wishing to cover the conference must fill out the media accreditation form below (in English), scan it and return to K.Chansomritkul@fao.org

Media badges must be picked up, in person, by presenting a valid press identification card at the press registration desk located inside the Conference Centre as early as 13:00 hrs. Sunday 6 March. Media registration will be available until the final day of the conference.

Journalists arriving from abroad (e.g. those not accredited in Malaysia) will need to independently check for any potential visa requirements and are urged to contact the FAO Conference Information Officer as soon as possible to provide details of their employer and intention to attend the conference.

Media facilities: Working space for registered journalists is provided at the press room (location to be confirmed). The press room has shared computer working stations, a printer, and email/Internet facilities. Journalists can follow the debates in the plenary room from designated rows of chairs for media and news organizations. Dedicated areas for TV crews and one-on-one interviews will be assigned the day prior to commencement of the Conference.

For further information, contact the FAO Conference Information Officer:

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FAO APCR33 Media Registration Form

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■ Personal Details

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Organization		
Department		
Position		
Press accreditation card number		
Passport No. or Certificate of Alien Registration No		
Nationality		
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