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COUNCIL

Hundred and Thirty-first Session

Rome, 20-25 November 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Side Event

A Side event entitled "Science for Agricultural and Rural Development Policies" will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2006 in the Austria Room (C.237) at 13.00 hours.

This event is organized by the University of Wageningen, The Netherlands. A background paper for this event has been placed in the pigeon holes of delegates.

Written Statements by Delegations

Participants intending to read a written statement, and who wish to help 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 a copy of the text in advance 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 Six Members to 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 131/4. The deadline for submission of completed nomination forms to the Secretary-General of the Council is *12.00 hours on Wednesday 22 November 2006*.

Registration

As the list of Delegates and Observers appended to the Council 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.

Disbursing Office

Members of the Council are informed that the disbursement of terminal expenses will be effected in room D.178 according to the following schedule :

Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 November from 09.00 to 11.00 hours

Booking of Meeting Rooms

Since meeting room facilities are very limited, requests will be examined 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. R Rodriguez, Room A.375, ext. 55872; (Tel. 0657055872 from outside FAO building) or Mr Elio Bargigli, Room A.276 ext. 53075 (Tel. 0657053075 from outside FAO building).

Internet Point and Downloading of Council documents

This service point will be available for participants in the David Lubin Library, located on the ground floor of Building A, Room A.022bis.A.

The computers in this area will allow access to the FAO Web site and the Internet in general, as well as offering the possibility of logging on to personal e-mail accounts.

Council Documents in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish are available on the FAO Internet Web Pages, <http://www.fao.org> and can be accessed by clicking on the link at the bottom of the home page. http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/council/cl131/Index_en.htm

Cloakroom

Cloakroom facilities are available in the Atrium

Slovak Business Centre

The Slovak Business Centre (Ground Floor, Building B) has a small number of PCs for use by participants, as well as photocopying and fax facilities. Participants with laptops may plug them into a phone/fax modem at the Centre.

Library

The David Lubin Memorial Library can provide participants with information resources and services needed for the performance of their work. The Library offers training in searching and accessing FAO documentation and other resources, including the Virtual Library. Customized presentations may be arranged on demand to meet the specific needs of Council participants. Requests and queries should be addressed to the Library Reference Service, Room A.052 (ext. 53784).

World Agriculture Information Center - WAICENT Stand

FAO's hypermedia electronic information services accessible over the Internet are featured at the WAICENT stand, which is located in the Korean Conference Centre area, at the entrance of the Red and Green Rooms (1st floor Building A).

Regional Conference Reports

The Reports of the Regional Conferences held in 2006 are available on the FAO Web site, at the following address:

<http://www.fao.org/unfao/bodies/regconferences/rc2002/rc2002-e.htm>

Wireless Internet Service

FAO is currently piloting a Wireless Internet Service. The service is available in the main Meeting Rooms (Red and Green Rooms), as well as the Atrium, Cuba Room, David Lubin Library, Korean Lounge, Nordic Lounge, German Room, Pakistan Room, Gabon Room, Mexico Room, Philippines Room, UEMOA Meeting Room, Slovak Business Centre.

Council participants with a laptop or PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) which has Wireless LAN capabilities, conforming to the 802.11b or 802.11g standards, are welcome to use this free service.

There are three steps to take in order to connect to the service:

Step 1: Turning on laptop or PDA, while in the Atrium.

Step 2: Allowing laptop or PDA to detect the network "guest_internet".

Step 3: Opening a browser and trying to connect to an Internet site. The following username and password should be used :

[Username: visitor: Password: connect2web]

Please note that no support can be provided if problems arise when connecting to, or using, the wireless internet service.

Telephone Facilities for Participants

Telephones for internal or Rome calls are located in the Slovak Centre (Ground Floor of Building B), and in the corridor of the first floor of Building A. Before making calls from the Rome area dial "0" and wait for the external dial tone before dialing the number.

International phone calls can also be made using calling cards, on sale at the newsstand in front of the *Banca Intesa*. Calls can be made at discount rates by using these cards on the phones in the Slovak Business Centre.

Postal and Courier/DHL Service for Delegates

The Italian Post Office, located on the Ground Floor of Building B (adjacent to the bank office), *Banca Intesa* will provide normal services for stamps, parcels, telex, telegrams, registered mail, currency exchange, postal/money orders, etc. The Post Office is open from 08.25 to 15.30 hours Monday to Friday.

To contact the DHL office, located in Building C (Room C.005) which is open from 10.30 to 12.30 and 13.30 to 16.00 hours from Monday to Friday, dial extension 53767. To call DHL assistance (clients), dial 800 345345 or consult Internet World track : www.dhl.it.

In addition, an Express Courier Service is available for private and official despatches/deliveries within Rome, non-stop from 08.30 to 16.30 hours between Monday to Friday. Please call ext. 54881 or 55103 for further information (Tel. 0657054881 or 0657055103 from outside the FAO buildings).

Banking Service

The *Banca Intesa* bank (Ground Floor Building B) has reserved two special counters for the use of participants attending the Council. This service will operate from Monday 20 to Friday 24 November 2006 from 08.35 to 16.35 hours. Cash dispensers are also available on the Ground Floor of Building B.

Restaurant/Coffee Bars

The following catering facilities will be operational from 20 to 24 November 2006:

- The Polish Bar (Building A, Ground Floor): open non-stop from 07.30 to 17.30 hours
- Cafeteria (Building B, Eighth Floor)
- Blue Bar (Building C, Eighth Floor)
- FAO Restaurant (Building C, Eighth Floor)
- Bar D (Building D, Ground Floor)

Prayer Room

A Prayer Room is available for use by Council participants in Room A.250 Ter.

First Aid - Medical Emergencies

For medical emergencies dial 30.

For normal medical requirements, please dial 53577 or make your way to the Medical Service, Room B.162, First Floor of Building B, which will be available during the Council hours.

FAO is a smoke-free area. Smoking is not permitted inside any of the FAO Buildings.

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