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COUNCIL

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CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES SESSIONS 2008-2009

1. The Council has requested that, after adoption by the Conference of the Programme of Work and Budget, a schedule for the following biennium of sessions of the Council and Bodies reporting to it should be submitted for approval, and that this schedule should be reviewed at subsequent sessions of the Council as required.¹
2. The Appendix gives the Provisional Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions for 2008-2009. The Council is requested to approve the Calendar for 2008, and to note the Calendar for 2009.
3. The Secretariats of FAO, IFAD and WFP, in an endeavour to harmonize the sessions of the respective Governing Bodies which require the participation of Permanent Representatives in Rome, jointly prepare this calendar of main sessions on a two-year rolling basis.
4. The Council, at its 131st Session (November 2006) noted that, as a savings and efficiency measure and on an experimental basis, its 132nd Session (June 2007) would be held over five days.²
5. The Council may wish to note that by holding its 132nd Session over five rather than six days, savings of some \$50,000 were made.
6. The Council is invited to decide whether its 135th Session (June 2008) also be held over five days.

¹ CL 66/REP, (June 1975) para. 301.

² CL 131/REP para. 106

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Appendix A

Provisional FAO/IFAD/WFP Calendar of Governing Bodies 2008-2009

	2008		2009	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	WFP	4-8	WFP	2-6
	ECOSOC 1	5-8	IFAD/GC	9-13
	IFAD/GC	11-15	ECOSOC 1	10-13
MARCH	29 NERC	1-5	28 COFI	2-6
	83 CCLM	17-18	19 COFO	16-20
	25 ARC	31/03-4/04		
APRIL	30 LARC	14-18	85 CCLM	1-2
	IFAD/EB	21-25	67 CCP	20-22
			21 COAG	22-25
			IFAD/EB	27-30
MAY	29 APRC	19-23	35 CFS	12-15
	99 PC	26-30	123 FC	25-29
	121 FC	26-30	101 PC	25-29
JUNE	WFP	9-13	WFP	8-12
	26 ERC	23-27	136 CL	15-19
	ECOSOC 2	30/06-25/07	32 CODEX	29/06-4/07 (Rome)
JULY			ECOSOC 2	6-31
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	8-12	IFAD/EB	7-11
	UNGA	16	UNGA	15
	84 CCLM	29-30	86 CCLM	24-25
			124 FC	28/09 - 2/10
			102 PC	28/09 - 2/10
OCTOBER	122 FC	6-10	WFD	16 (Friday)
	100 PC	6-10	XIII WFC	18-25
	34 CFS	13-17	WFP	26-30
	WFD	16 (Thursday)		
	WFP	27-31		
NOVEMBER	135 CL	17-21 (tentative)	137 CL	11-13
			35 C	14- 21
			138 CL	23
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	15-19	IFAD/EB	14-18

Easter: 23 March 08
 Ramadan begins: 2 Sept 08
 Eid Al-Fitr: 1st Oct 08
 Eid Al-Adha: 8 Dec 08

Easter: 12 April 09
 Ramadan begins: 22 August 09
 Eid Al-Fitr: 21 Sept 09
 Eid Al-Adha: 28 Nov 09

APRC Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
 ARC Regional Conference for Africa
 C Conference
 CCLM Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
 CCP Committee on Commodity Problems
 CFS Committee on World Food Security
 CL Council
 COAG Committee on Agriculture
 COFI Committee on Fisheries
 COFO Committee on Forestry
 ECOSOC Economic and Social Council (1: Organizational session opens; 2: Substantive session opens)

ERC Regional Conference for Europe
 FC Finance Committee
 IFAD/EB IFAD Executive Board
 IFAD/GC IFAD Governing Council
 LARC Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
 NERC Regional Conference for the Near East
 PC Programme Committee
 UNGA United Nations General Assembly (Opening)
 WFD World Food Day
 WFP World Food Programme Executive Board
 WFC World Forestry Congress
 CODEX Codex Alimentarius Commission