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# COUNCIL

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### CALENDAR OF FAO GOVERNING BODIES AND OTHER MAIN SESSIONS 2008-2009

1. As requested by the Council at its Sixty-sixth Session (June 1975), a schedule of Governing Bodies sessions for the following biennium is submitted for approval, and reviewed at subsequent sessions of the Council as required. 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.
2. A Calendar of FAO Governing Bodies and other Main Sessions for 2008-2009 is given overleaf. The Council is requested to approve the Calendar for 2009. Any required adjustments to the schedule of sessions in 2009 would be made in consultation with the Independent Chairperson of the Council.
3. The 29th Session of the Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific, which had previously been scheduled for 25 to 29 November 2008, has been postponed. The Asia Regional Group has communicated its interest in convening the Regional Conference in the Asia region from March 2009 onwards. Details regarding the host country and precise dates were not available at the time of going to print.
4. Dates for the 35th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) have not been proposed in the provisional calendar given that the 34th Session of the the Committee (14-17 October 2008) agreed that a final decision on the frequency of CFS sessions would be taken after the 35th (Special) Session of the FAO Conference (18-22 November 2008) on the basis of input from the Conference Committee on the Independent External Evaluation.

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## Appendix A

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

	2008		2009	
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>121 FC*</b>	<b>31/01 - 01/02</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	WFP ECOSOC 1 IFAD/GC	4-8 5-8 11-15	WFP* ECOSOC 1 IFAD/GC* <b>84 CCLM*</b>	9-13 10-13 16-20 <b>23-25</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>29 NERC</b>	<b>1-5</b>	<b>28 COFI</b> <b>19 COFO</b>	<b>2-6</b> <b>16-20</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>30 LARC</b> IFAD/EB	<b>14-18</b> 21-25	<b>67 CCP</b> <b>21 COAG</b> IFAD/EB	<b>20-22</b> <b>22-25</b> 27-30
<b>MAY</b>	<b>99 PC*</b> <b>122 FC*</b>	<b>28-30</b> <b>22-30</b>	<b>124 FC*</b> <b>101 PC*</b>	<b>11-15</b> <b>11-15</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	WFP <b>25 ARC*</b> <b>26 ERC</b> ECOSOC 2	9-13 <b>16-20</b> <b>23-27</b> 30/06 - 25/07	WFP <b>136 CL</b> <b>32 CODEX</b>	8-12 <b>15-19</b> <b>29/06 - 4/07 (Rome)</b>
<b>JULY</b>			<b>85 CCLM*</b> <b>125 FC*</b> <b>102 PC*</b> ECOSOC 2	<b>13-15</b> <b>27-31</b> <b>27-31</b> 6-31
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB UNGA <b>83 CCLM</b>	8-12 16 <b>29-30</b>	IFAD/EB UNGA <b>86 CCLM*</b> <b>137 CL*</b>	7-11 15 <b>23-25</b> <b>28/09 - 2/10</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>123 FC</b> <b>100 PC</b> <b>34 CFS*</b> WFD WFP	<b>6-10</b> <b>6-10</b> <b>14-17</b> <b>16 (Thursday)</b> 27-31	<b>WFD</b> XIII WFC	<b>16 (Friday)</b> 18-25
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>135 CL*</b> <b>35 C* Special Session</b>	<b>17-18</b> <b>18-22</b>	WFP* <b>36 C</b> <b>138 CL</b>	9-13 <b>14- 21</b> <b>23</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB	15-19	IFAD/EB	14-18

Easter: 23 March 08  
 Ramadan begins: 2 Sept 08  
 Eid Al-Fitr: 1<sup>st</sup> 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

\* Change of dates