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Invitation to the Third Informal Joint Meeting of the FAO Council, IFAD Executive Board and WFP Executive Board Rome, Friday, 13 September 2019

The Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) have the honour to invite Members of the FAO Council, IFAD Executive Board and WFP Executive Board to attend the Third Informal Joint Meeting of the FAO Council, the IFAD Executive Board and the WFP Executive Board.

The event will be hosted by WFP on Friday, 13 September 2019, in the Auditorium at WFP Headquarters (Via Cesare Giulio Viola 68/70, Rome). The meeting will commence at 9:30. A lunch break is foreseen from 12:30 to 14:00, during which a buffet will be served in the Peace Garden, The meeting will then reconvene and conclude at 17:00. A consolidated document including the draft concept note and agenda is attached for ease of reference.

Member States of the three Rome-based agencies who are not members of the aforementioned governing bodies, are invited to participate in an observer capacity.

Delegations are kindly requested to confirm their participation by e-mail to wfpsecretarytotheeb@wfp.org by Friday, 6 September 2019. Due to seating limitations, it was agreed at the last planning meeting of the Bureau Convenors/Alternate Convenors and Regional Group Chairs/Co-Chairs on 8 July 2019 that the 71 Members of the three Governing Bodies would be given priority in a one-plus-one seating arrangement in the Auditorium, followed by Observer Member States. The Aula Delegatis will serve as the overflow area.

The Informal Joint Meeting will be held in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish and a webcasting will be available at the following address: <u>link to 13 September webcasting</u>.

Members of the FAO Council Members of the IFAD Executive Board Members of the WFP Executive Board