



## **Practical Information for Participants**

Inter-Agency Standing Committee Working Group  
12-13 March, Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome

On 12-13 March, 2003, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Working Group (IASC WG) will meet in Rome, Italy, as part of its regular schedule. The meeting will be hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and will take place at **FAO Headquarters, Philippine Room (C277)**. The meeting will begin at 14:00 on Wednesday 12 March, and end at 18:30 on Thursday, 14 March.

### **FAO Headquarters**

#### ***Location:***

FAO Headquarters is located in the centre of Rome, in the Aventino area.  
The exact address is:

Food and Agriculture Organization  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla  
Rome Italy  
39-06-570-51

The meeting will be held in the *Philippine Room*, on the second floor of Building C (Room no. C277). Signs to the Philippine Room will indicate the directions to be followed.

#### ***Security:***

All participants will need to stop at the FAO security desk just inside the front doors to receive building passes. Security staff may request that bags are x-rayed or examined.

### **Accommodation**

FAO has made a block pre-booking (Nr.38230) with the Aventino Hotels as follows:

- **20 rooms at HOTEL AVENTINO**  
Piazza San Anselmo, 2 | UN Rate: 98 Euros
- **10 rooms at the HOTEL VILLA S.PIO**  
Via Di S.Melania, 19 | UN Rate: 124 Euros

**The participants wishing to take advantage of this reservation must *directly* contact the hotel central reservation desk no later than Friday 28 February.**

The central reservation desk can be reached by:

- Email: [info@aventinohotels.com](mailto:info@aventinohotels.com)
- Tel no: (+39) 06-5783 214 / Fax no: (+39) 06-5783 604
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When making the reservation please state block booking Nr.38230, a credit card number, and indicate which hotel you prefer.



## **Transport**

### ***Transport from Fiumicino Airport:***

**Taxi:** Taxis will be waiting at the rank outside the arrival hall. Expect fare of around 45 Euros to centre (FAO/Hotel Aventino – S.Pio area). Always take registered “Comune di Roma” taxis.

**Train:** There is a train service direct to Rome’s central train station Termini from where a metro connection Linea A (Direction Laurentina) can be taken for four stops. Alight at Circo Massimo. Street plan attached for the short walk to the Hotels.

### ***From FAO/Hotel Aventino – S.Pio:***

**Taxi:** Look for taxi rank near Piramide Metro Station. Taxis can also be requested at the reception desk of FAO.

**Metro:** Circo Massimo and Piramide Metro stations are both within walking distance and offer good connections to the centre of Rome.

## **Meals**

Lunches during the days of the meeting will be at the expense of the participants in either the FAO cafeteria or one of the surrounding restaurants.

A working dinner for all participants will be organized on the night of 12 March at a restaurant TBD. A menu will be circulated at a later date for participants to indicate attendance and preference.

## **Further Information/Assistance**

For further information regarding the arrangements for the IASC WG in Rome, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Prince, Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division, FAO Rome: tel: (+39) 06-570 56728; email [diane.prince@fao.org](mailto:diane.prince@fao.org)