

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

FIFTH SESSION OF THE CHEMICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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I. INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

The Fifth Meeting of the Chemical Review Committee will open in the Green Room (A122) on Monday, 23 March at 10.00.

The FAO Headquarters Complex is located on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, near the Circo Massimo. It can be reached by car, bus (Nos. 60 express, 75, 81, 118, 160, 175, 271, 628) and metro (Line B, Circo Massimo stop).

The two-story glass-enclosed Atrium interconnects Building A and B.

1 Access to the FAO Headquarters Complex

Access to the FAO Headquarters Complex is permitted only for persons in possession of a valid Building Pass and participants are requested to wear the pass at all times.

Participants may use the following entrances to the FAO Headquarters Complex:

- Building A Main Entrance (gate on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla) – open from Monday to Saturday, 06.00 to 23.00 hours; Sunday, 06.00 to 23.00 hours, cars only from 08.00 to 20.00 hours.
- Building D Entrance (gate in Viale Aventino) – opens from Monday to Friday, 07.30 to 19.00 hours, Saturday, 09.30 to 13.30 hours.
- Building B Entrance (side entrance past the petrol station in FAO parking area) – open from Monday to Friday, 06.00 to 18.30 hours

2 Registration of Participants and Admission to Meetings

Access to the FAO Headquarters Complex is permitted only for persons in possession of a valid Building Pass and participants are requested to wear the pass at all times. Participants will have access to FAO Headquarters on Sunday 22 March 2009; registration is scheduled from 10.00 to 15.00 hrs. Registration for the full meeting will take place on Monday 23 March between 08.00 hrs and 12.00 hrs at the main Reception desk. The Registration desk will be operational for the duration of the meeting.

All participants should enter through the Main Entrance in Building A, and proceed to the Turkish Registration Centre (to the immediate left) to register and pick up their Building Pass.

At the Registration desk, Building Passes will be issued only after the receipt of completed Registration Forms. A valid identity document must be presented to registration staff in order to collect the Building Pass.

3 Security

The FAO Office of Security operates from 7.30 to 17.30 at the B062 room (Extension 55159); after 17.30 please contact the Security Guards in Building A (ext. 53145, 06-5705-3145 form outside FAO). It provides the following services:

- Assist in locating and notifying the Organization's senior official in an emergency;
- liaises with national security representatives regarding protection arrangements for dignitaries;
- liaises with local authorities whenever outside emergency assistance (ambulance, medical, police) is required;
- handles lost and found properties

Strict security measures are observed at the FAO Headquarters Complex. Metal detectors are in operation at the Building A entrance. Participants are requested to wear their Building Passes at all times, as access to the FAO Headquarters Complex is prohibited to any individual not in possession of a valid Building Pass.

Lost Building Pass should be reported without delay to the FAO Office of Security

Participants are requested not leave briefcases or any valuable items unattended in conference rooms.

4 Medical Services

The Medical Services Division provides emergency medical assistance to participants and Members of missions accredited to FAO. For medical emergencies, participants may dial 30 from all in-house telephones or 06-5705-3400 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex. For all other medical services, participants may call extension 53577 from all in-house telephones (06-5705-3577 from outside the FAO HQ). They may also go directly to the Medical Service (First Floor, Building B) during the working hours of the Organization.

5 Access and Facilities for Disabled Persons

All entrances to the FAO Headquarters Complex are accessible to disabled persons with wheelchairs. A specially designed lift is provided in Building A, and a ramp is provided in Building D. All lifts throughout the FAO Headquarters Complex have wheelchair access.

6 Emergency Telephone Numbers in Rome

The following numbers may be useful in case of emergency:

- Medical Emergencies 118
- General Emergencies 113
- Fire 115
- Ambulance (Red Cross) 06-5510
- Doctor on call 06-58201030

7 Protecting Your Valuables

A word of caution. International cities that attract many tourists also attract those people who steal from tourists. Consequently, participants are advised to carry their valuables safely, especially on public transport. There might be pickpockets on the street, the underground and on buses and trams. Once participants have checked into their hotels, it is advisable to leave important documents such as passports in the hotel safe and to carry a photocopy. Identity cards, keepsakes and anything else not needed in the city are best left at the hotel or place of residence while participants are sightseeing, shopping or dining out. Participants should keep photocopies of all these documents in a safe place in case they need to have them replaced.

II. MEETING SERVICES

1 Meeting documents

A limited number of copies of the meeting documents are available at the pigeon holes in front of the Green Room (Plenary). For reasons of economy, documents are produced in a limited number of copies. Participants are kindly requested to bring them to the meetings and to refrain from requesting additional copies, unless strictly indispensable. Most of the meeting documents are available on Internet at <http://www.pic.int>.

Participants who wish to make available documents other than the official documents should contact the Supervisor/ Secretariat of the Documents Desk regarding the procedure to be followed.

2 Duration of Meetings

The morning meetings are scheduled from 9.00 to 12.30 hrs and the afternoon meetings from 14.00 to 17.00 hrs.

It is essential that meetings start on time and that the above schedule be respected. Participants are therefore urged to be present at the meetings in good time.

3 Languages Used

As decided by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the working language of the Chemical Review Committee will be English.

III. FACILITIES AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES

1 Banking and Currency Exchange Facilities

The currency of Italy is the EURO. The *Banca Intesa San Paolo* Bank is located on the Ground Floor, Building B. Opening hours are from 08.35 to 16.35 hrs. The *Banca di Sondrio* Bank is located on Building D and its opening hours are from 08.35 to 16.35.

Cash dispensers are available to handle credit card withdrawals and are located inside the bank on the Ground Floor of Building B.

In addition to the above-mentioned banks, the Italian Post Office located next to the Bank on the Ground Floor, Building B also processes postal/money orders.

2 Telephone, Telefax and Internet Facilities

The official telephone number of the FAO Headquarters Complex is +3906- 5705 + extension. If the extension is unknown, please dial +3906-57051 for the FAO Switchboard.

Telephones are available in all meeting rooms and lounges, which may be used for internal and local calls. For internal calls, please lift the receiver and dial the required extension. For local (Rome) calls, please lift the receiver, press "0" and wait for the external dial tone, then press the city code "06." You may then dial the desired telephone number. Use of the "06" is mandatory, even for local calls.

Telephones for internal or Rome calls are also located at the entrance to Building A and in the corridors of the First and Third Floors of Building A.

Public telephone facilities are located in the Main Entrance of Building A, at the entrance of Building D and in the "Flag Hall" on the Ground Floor of Building B. They operate with Telecom Italia telephone cards that can be purchased from the News Stand on the Ground Floor of Building B.

For participants carrying portable GSM phones, there are four GSM operators active in Italy: TIM, Vodaphone, Wind and Blu. They operate on the 900/1800 MHz bands. Participants are requested to check with their home country provider whether roaming is available with one or more of the above-noted operators.

Participants are reminded that all cellular phones should be switched off in meeting rooms.

Participants wishing to send faxes may do so from the Slovak Centre for a small charge.

Internet points will be available to participants in the Dubin Library Memorial Library, located on the Ground Floor, Building A.

3 Postal Services

The Italian Post Office, located on the Ground Floor, Building B, is open Monday to Friday, from 08.30 to 15.00.

The DHL Courier Service Office is located in C005. The DHL service is available for private and official dispatches from 10.30 to 12.30 hours and from 13.30 to 16.00 hours, Monday through Friday. Please call the Mail and Pouch Service at extension 54881 for information and rates (06-5705-4881 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex).

Participants who wish to send documents back to their countries may do so using the above-mentioned postal and other delivery services.

4 Catering Facilities

The FAO Headquarters Complex offers a variety of dining and snack bar facilities where participants may sit down for a meal, or order a quick snack and beverage. Listed hereunder are all of the available locations, as well as a brief description of the catering facilities offered.

- The FAO Cafeteria, located on the Eighth Floor, Building B, is available to participants from 12.00 to 2.30 p.m. for lunch. The free-flow complex offers a selection of hors d'oeuvres, first and second courses, grill and salads.
- The FAO Restaurant, located on the Eighth Floor, Building C, offers a daily menu and "à la carte" service. Please telephone ext. 56823 (06-5705-6823 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex) for bookings.

5 Snack Bars and Vending Machines

There are several snack bars on the premises, offering hot and cold beverages and a variety of pastries and sandwiches. Locations are as follows:

- Polish Bar – (Ground Floor, Building A)
- Blue Bar "C" – (Eighth Floor, Building C)
- Eighth Floor Bar (Eighth Floor, Building B)
- Casa Bar – (Ground floor, Building D)

Several vending machines with assorted refreshments are also located on the premises, and especially on the Second Floor of Building B and the Ground Floor of Building B.

6 The David Lubin Memorial Library

The David Lubin Memorial Library is located on the Ground Floor of Building A. The Library is open to FAO staff, Permanent Representatives to FAO and official participants to FAO Conference, Council and Technical Committees from Monday to Friday 08.30-17.00 hours.

7 Travel Facilities (Flight Reservations and Confirmation)

The Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency (faotravel@cwbook.it), the official travel agency of FAO, is located on the Ground Floor of Building D (Room D074). Office hours are 09.00 to 17.00 hours. For further information, please contact extension 55970 or (06-5705-5970 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex). The following services are provided by Carlson Wagonlit for both official and private travel:

- Air ticket reservation and purchase.
- Assistance with return flights/Itinerary changes.
- Post-meeting trips and excursions in Italy.
- Tours of Rome and surrounding area.
- Car rentals.
- Train and ferry tickets.
- All other services normally provided by a travel agent.

Please note that a charge is made for certain services provided by the agency. Participants are reminded that most airline offices in Rome are open from 09.00 to 17.00 hours on weekdays and some are closed during the lunch hours. Airline offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

8 Accommodation in Rome

The Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency assists participants in making hotel reservations at reduced rates. For further information, please contact extension 55970 (06-5705-5970 if calling from outside FAO), or contact faotravel@cwbook.it

9 FAO Sales Point

The FAO Sales Point is located in front of the *Banca Intesa* Bank (Ground Floor, Building B) and is open from 09.00 to 12.30 hours. A selection of recent FAO publications and CD-ROMs and an assortment of FAO Medals, Coins and Stamps, as well as logo and commemorative items can be purchased at the FAO Sales Point.

10 News Stand

The News Stand is located on the Ground Floor of Building B near the *Banca Intesa* Bank, and offers a variety of newspapers in numerous languages, a selection of magazines, postcards, maps, and a large selection of periodicals. The News Stand operates from 06.00 until 18.00 hours.

11 Bookshop

The "Food for Thought" Bookshop, located on the Ground Floor of Building B next to the News Stand, offers a selection of English, French and Spanish language books, gift stationery, writing paper, gift wrapping paper, greeting cards and guide books. The Bookshop is open from 08.00 to 17.30 hours.

12 Pharmacy

Basic proprietary brand medicines and toiletries are available in the Pharmacy, which is located on the Ground Floor of Building B near the marble staircase

13 Car Rentals

Some car rental companies have offices at both Ciampino and Fiumicino Airports (open from Monday to Sunday, 09.00 to 18.30 hours). A valid European or international driving license and credit card are required.

- Avis: Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and eleven offices in town. Information: Tel. 199-100-133. Bookings: Tel. (06)-419-99
- Eurodollar: Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport and five offices in town. Bookings: Tel. (06)-228-1111
- Europcar: Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and eight offices in town. Bookings: Milan Tel. (02)-703-99700
- Hertz: Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and four offices in town. Bookings: Tel. 199-112211
- Maggiore: Fiumicino Airport, Ciampino Airport, Termini Station and five offices in town. Bookings: Tel. 848-867067

Car rental services are also made available on FAO at:

- The Multiservice Office, located on the Ground Floor of Building D, Room D024, offers a variety of automobile services including car rentals. Its operating hours are from 08.30 to 15.00 hours. For more information, please dial extension 53039/55829 (Tel. 06-5705-3039 or 06-5705-5829 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex).
- The Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency, located on the Ground Floor of Building D, Room D074, extension 55970 (06-5705-55970 from outside FAO Headquarters Complex).

14 Taxis

Participants are advised to use only licensed taxis with meters. Surcharge fares are applied for baggage, night runs and on Sundays and holidays. The Main Reception (Ground Floor, Building A) will assist participants in requesting taxis.

Participants can also call Radio Taxi Service, Tel. 06-3570 or 06-4994. Upon calling, the taxi company operator will ask for the caller's telephone number and will give the caller the taxi's identification number (which will be marked on both sides of the car), as well as the estimated time it will take to reach the caller.

15 Public Transport

Tickets for public transport should be purchased in advance and are available from underground stations, tobacco shops and newspaper kiosks as well as from the News Stand at FAO Headquarters (Ground Floor, Building B, across from the *Banca Intesa* Bank).

Tickets cost 1,00 Euro and may be used once for underground transport and unlimited bus travel within the ticket validation time of 75 minutes. Tickets are validated upon entering bus/tram or at the point of entrance to the Metro. There are also day tickets valid for a whole day on the entire bus and metro network.

Rome is served by two underground (metro) lines, A and B. The stops are marked by a sign showing a large white "M" on a red background. Termini Station is the only metro station where the two lines intersect. The metro stop for FAO is Circo Massimo (Line B). Participants are reminded that tickets must be purchased before boarding (see the paragraph above on Public Transport).

16 Buses/Trams

Both buses and trams have electronic displays in the front indicating the number of the route and where they are heading. Access onto buses is both from the rear or front doors. Tickets should be purchased in advance and immediately validated in one of the machines placed on the bus or tram. Bus/tram stops can easily be distinguished by a yellow or white metal post.

Buses 75, 81, 118, 160, 271, 628, and Tram No 3 (line run by a bus at present) stop outside FAO Building. For further information on public transportation in Rome (including the routes and schedules of buses and trams), please call: 06-469-54444 or consult the website www.atac.roma.it.

17 Underground (Metro)

There are two underground lines in Rome called Line A and Line B. The stops are marked by a red metal disk showing a white "M" sign. The Termini Station is the only Metro station where the two lines intersect. The Metro stop for FAO is Circo Massimo (Line B). Participants are reminded that tickets must be purchased before boarding.

18 Shopping

Shops in Italy are usually open from 09.00 to 13.00 hours and from 15.30 to 19.30 hours. However, many of the shops in the downtown area also remain open during the lunch break.

19 Credit Cards

Internationally-recognized travellers' cheques and credit cards are accepted in hotels, major shops and restaurants.

IV. ANNEXES

5th Session of the Chemical Review Committee

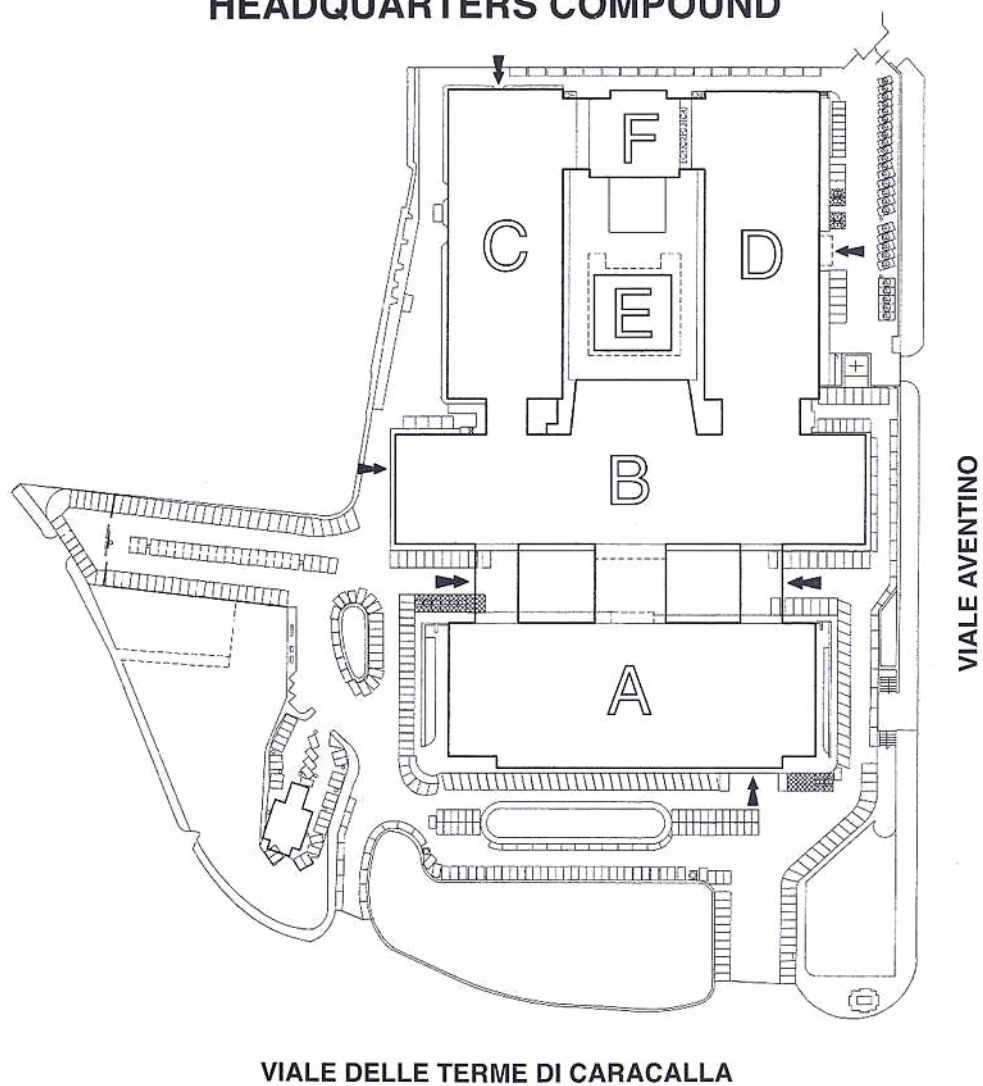
Headquarters meeting rooms¹

NAME	SEATS	ROOM	EXTENSION
Green Room (plenary)	496	A122	56925
Philippine Room	100	C277/281	56952/56957
Ethiopia Room	56	C285/89	56955/56959
Nigeria Room	23	C215	56953
Lebanon Room	62	D209	56985/56986
Canada Room	29	A356	56920/57097
Library- internet points		Grand floor Building A	

¹ Please note that food and beverages are not allowed in the meeting rooms

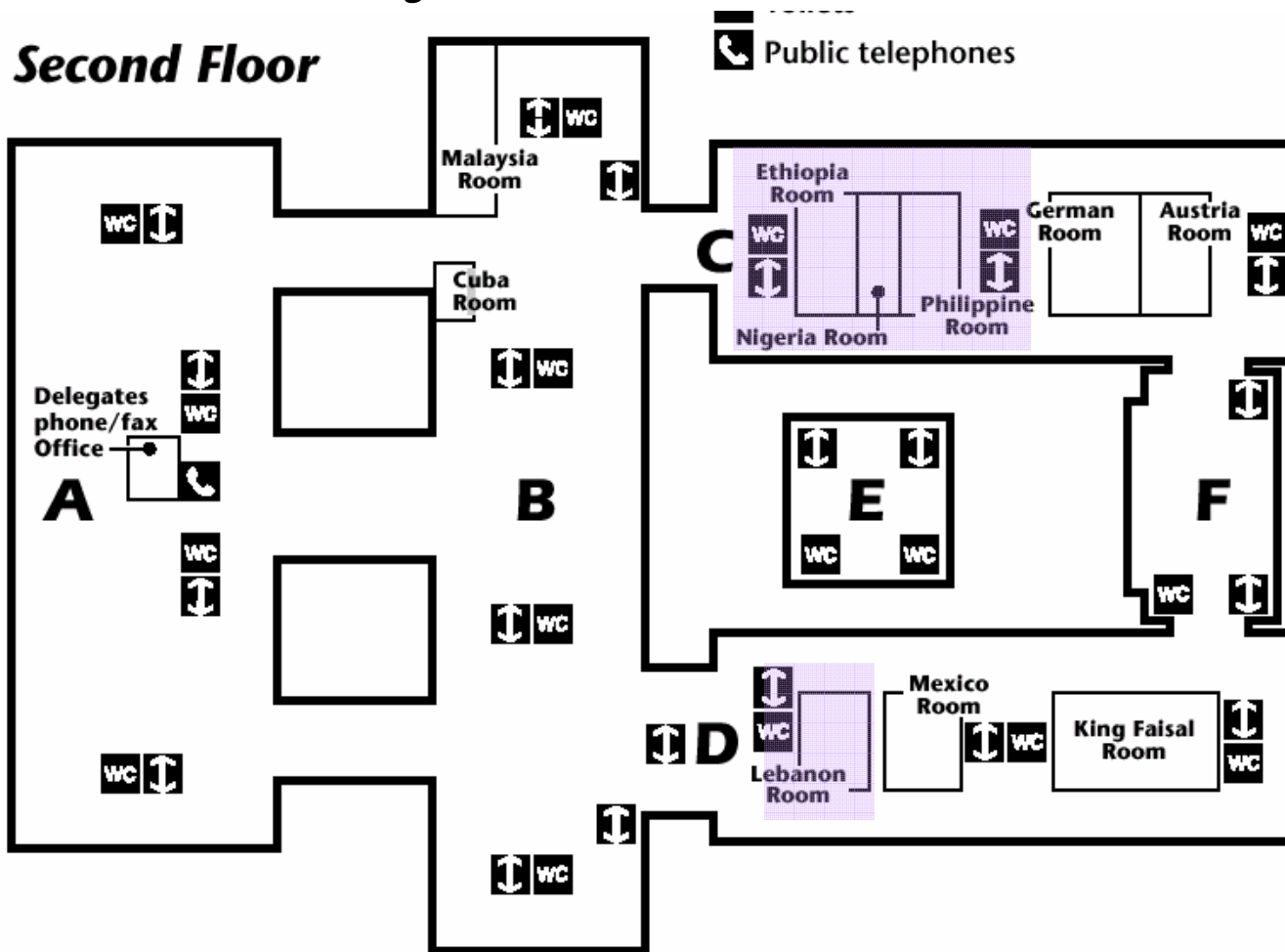
FAO Headquarters Compound

HEADQUARTERS COMPOUND



Second floor – Meeting rooms

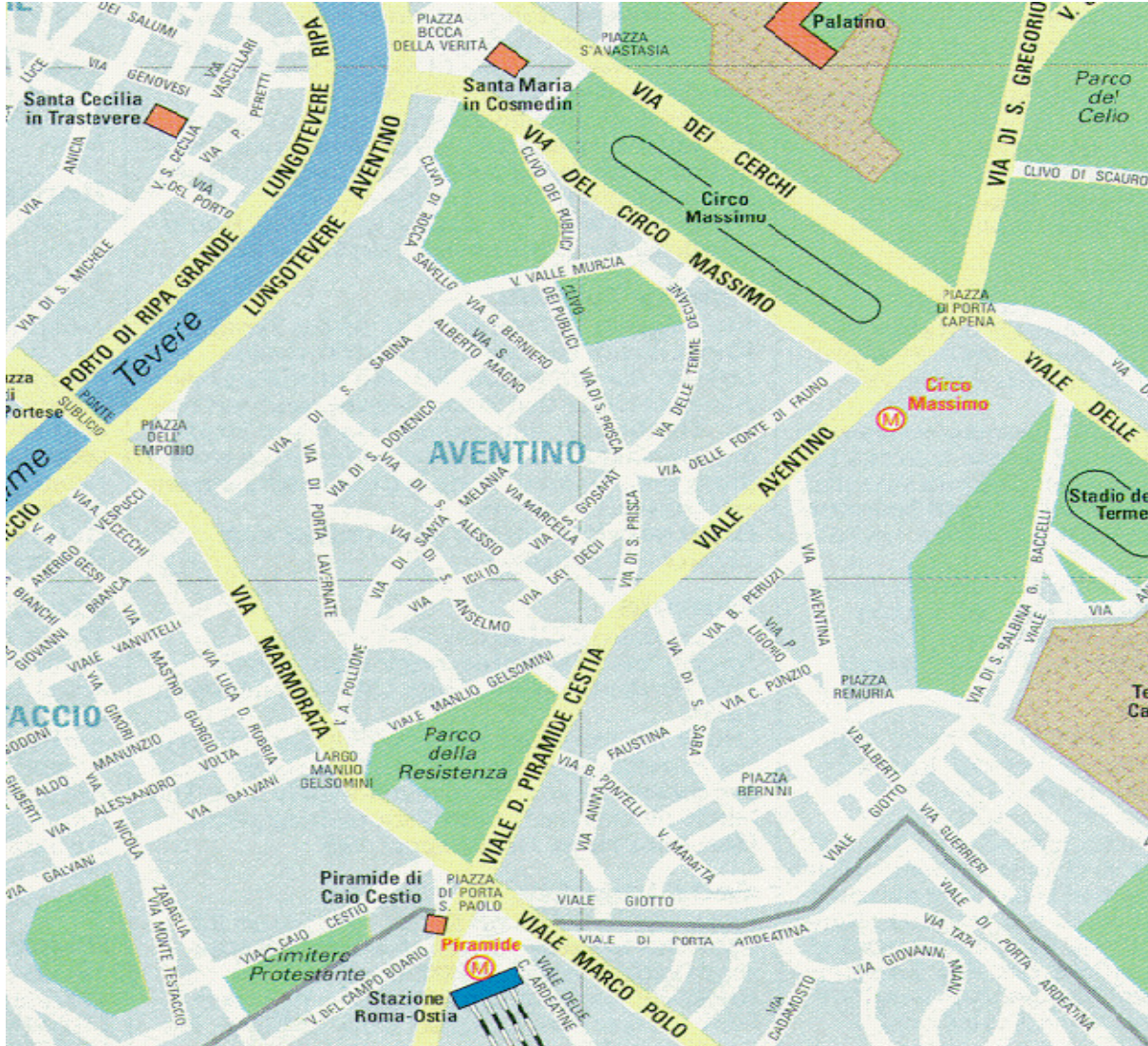
Second Floor



The Green Room (plenary) is on the first floor (not shown)

ROOMS	Building	Room No.	Phone
1 - GREEN	A	A - 122	56925
2 - PHILIPPINE	B	B - 227	56942
3 - ETHIOPIA	C	C - 285	56955
4 - NIGERIA	C	C - 269	56951
5 - LEBANON	D	D - 209	56985

Location of FAO Headquarters



- FAO HQ is located in the centre of Rome, near the Colosseum, the Circo Massimo, the Terme di Caracalla and the Foro Romano.