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Minutes of the 100th session of the Executive Board

I. Introduction

1. The 100th session of the Executive Board was held in Rome from 15 to 17 September 2010. A list of delegations is attached as annex I.
2. The Executive Board had before it the documents listed in annex II.

II. Opening of the session

3. President Kanayo F. Nwanze opened the 100th session of the Executive Board.
4. The President welcomed newly accredited representatives to the Executive Board, namely the representatives for Canada and the Kingdom of Denmark.
5. Following an update on recent developments at the Fund and on the global scene, the President confirmed that the devastating floods suffered by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in earlier weeks had caused significant loss of infrastructure and crops in the project areas of four ongoing IFAD operations in the country. The President advised that among other measures, IFAD would be making available a grant in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to help provide needy and vulnerable poor households with livestock and agricultural inputs for early recovery in the immediate post-flood rehabilitation stage.
6. The Board was reminded that when contacting staff other than Senior Management or Directors, the Office of the Secretary of IFAD should be informed in accordance with IFAD's Code of Conduct. This to know what kind of information flow is taking place. In response to the question raised by the representative of Sweden as to the reasoning behind such practice, it was recalled that the Secretary is best placed to provide information on institutional matters and that a certain degree of discipline is called for. This is common practice for all institutions, in order to preserve the fine line between management and oversight.

III. Decisions of the Executive Board

A. Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 2)

7. The Executive Board adopted the agenda as proposed in document EB 2010/100/R.1/Rev.1 (to be revised as EB 2010/100/R.1/Rev.2) and further revised to reflect amendments agreed to by the Board; the Board also noted the schedule of work, as outlined in EB 2010/100/R.1/Rev.1/Add.1./Rev.1.
8. Amendments included the following:
 - (a) Postponement of the proposal for the Southern Punjab Poverty Alleviation Project in Pakistan;
 - (b) Inclusion of an additional item on the Committee for World Food Security under "other business", at the request of the Representative of Mexico.

B. Oral presentation – South-South Cooperation in IFAD's operating model (agenda item 3)

9. The Executive Board began its session with a topical presentation on South-South cooperation, IFAD's experience in this field and possible ways forward.
10. Welcoming the timely presentation, the Board made productive and insightful comments. Representatives encouraged IFAD to continue to engage in the dynamic field of South-South cooperation, given its value added to both the Fund and its beneficiaries. On this issue, the Board noted that many IFAD Member States were already bilaterally involved in South-South cooperation, a development that IFAD welcomed and would endeavour to support.

11. Underlining the importance of funding and mainstreaming this approach into the Fund's operations, the Executive Board welcomed the assurance that South-South cooperation was at the forefront of both IFAD's operational strategy and IFAD's resource mobilization strategy for the ninth replenishment of IFAD's resources.
12. Representatives expressed their appreciation for the presentation, and called for further concrete examples of South-South cooperation in action. The Board noted the availability of detailed information on IFAD's website and welcomed the opportunity to discuss this important topic in the future, including possibly at the Governing Council in 2011.

C. High-level preview of IFAD's 2011 results-based programme of work and administrative and capital budgets, and preview of the Office of Evaluation's results-based work programme and budget for 2011 and indicative plan for 2012-2013 (agenda item 4)

13. The Executive Board reviewed the High-level preview of IFAD's 2011 results-based programme of work and administrative and capital budgets, and preview of the Office of Evaluation's results-based work programme and budget for 2011 and indicative plan for 2012-2013 together with its corrigendum (EB 2010/100/R.2 + Corr.1 to be revised as EB 2010/100/R.2/Rev.1) and took note of the oral report provided by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, which had considered the document at its 116th meeting.
14. The Executive Board was appreciative of IFAD's planned efforts to expand its programme of work in line with the expectations expressed by Member States during the Consultation on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources. It also expressed concern that IFAD's capacity to deliver on this expansion at the quality required for sustained impact be considered carefully and strengthened appropriately. The Executive Board noted that the real increase in the administrative budget foreseen by IFAD was focused precisely upon expanding that capacity, particularly in the area of country programme development and implementation (cluster 1 of the results management matrix).
15. The Executive Board emphasized that the programme of work and support to project implementation should be delivered within a framework of demonstrably enhanced institutional efficiency and further alignment of resources with development priorities. In this regard, the Executive Board anticipated that in the December submission of the programme of work and budget, IFAD would demonstrate where efficiency savings that are not prejudicial to development impact had been achieved or were planned, including an indication of the likely level of the savings involved. The Executive Board also expressed its hope that the savings identified would be reflected in a visible shift of resources to the country programme and implementation cluster from other clusters. In this regard, the Executive Board noted the critical importance of staffing levels and remuneration, also given the external austerity context, and recognized that the external review of IFAD's compensation package, scheduled for presentation at its December session, would play a very important role in allowing IFAD to develop concrete plans for structural responses to efficiency and cost issues.
16. The document also provided the Board with a preview of the IFAD Office of Evaluation's results-based work programme and budget for 2011 and indicative plan for 2012-2013. The Board welcomed the level of detail contained in the document and expressed its broad endorsement of the same. It took note that indicators to track the performance in accomplishing the divisional objectives would be contained in the final submission to the December Board. The Board noted the reduction in real terms in the 2011 budget. At the same time, the Board asked for more information in the final proposal on efficiency gains, which should be clearly distinguished from any savings generated or the shifting of resources between departments.

D. IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents (2010) (agenda item 5)

17. The Executive Board considered the IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents (EB 2010/100/R.3 + Corr.1 to be revised as EB 2010/100/R.3/Rev.1). During the process, it was clarified that the IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents would not hamper Member States in requesting Management to provide information on specific issues, as appropriate. Following a productive discussion aimed at achieving consensus, the Board adopted the IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents (2010) as set out in the document – to become effective no later than 1 January 2012 – and the implementation procedures as outlined in annex V. The Executive Board authorized Management to implement the IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents (2010) in line with the proposed implementation procedures, within the context of the final work programme and budget to be endorsed by the Executive Board in December 2010 for transmittal to the Governing Council in 2011.
18. In response to the concerns raised by some Member States in relation to the proposed cost estimate of US\$1.4 million, the Executive Board noted the President's explanation that the policy would be implemented in a cost-neutral way.
19. The Executive Board took note that, notwithstanding the President's attempt to reach consensus, the representative of Germany opposed the document. Given the very high cost estimate of US\$1.4 million, the representative of Germany requested alternative implementation arrangements and therefore opposed the document.
20. The Executive Board noted that an information paper would be provided to all Governors at the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council in February 2011 and that the Board would be informed of progress made. The Executive Board further noted that the present policy would supersede all previous disclosure policies of the Fund.

E. Guidelines on Dealing with *De Facto* Governments (agenda item 6)

21. Having considered the document and by virtue of section 52 of the IFAD Lending Policies and Criteria, the Executive Board approved the recommended Guidelines on Dealing with *De Facto* Governments as contained in EB 2010/100/R.4 and its corrigendum (to be revised as EB 2010/100/R.4/Rev.1), with the following modifications also included:
 - (a) Subsection (e) of paragraph 1 and paragraph 15 will read as follows: "(e) the position of other international and regional organizations, within their competencies, toward the government."
 - (b) The last sentence in paragraph 16 will read as follows: "On the other hand, if any of these questions receives a negative response, the project does not comply with the Lending Policies and Criteria and the President will refrain from submitting the project to the Executive Board and inform the Executive Board accordingly."
 - (c) A footnote will be included citing article 12 of the General Conditions for Agricultural Development Financing with regard to criteria for the Fund's suspension, in part or fully, and cancellation of ongoing loans and/or grants.
22. The Executive Board took note that, notwithstanding the President's attempt to reach consensus, the representatives of Argentina and of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela opposed the document. Moreover, it was noted that based on the Estrada Doctrine, Mexico traditionally rejects the practice of recognizing governments and avoids making pronouncements on the legitimacy or illegitimacy of a foreign government, limiting itself solely to exercising its right of legation, i.e. to send or withdraw diplomatic agents. The representative of Mexico pointed out that having regard to the provisions of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for

Agricultural Development, article 6, section 8(f), and in the light of its objective, financing that the Fund may grant to a *de facto* government does not imply an act of recognition of said government's legitimacy.

F. Evaluation (agenda item 7)

(a) Reports of the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee

23. The Executive Board considered the reports of the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee on the country visit to Mozambique (EB 2010/100/R.5) and on the Committee's sixty-third session (EB 2010/100/R.6) and noted the information contained therein.
24. Following discussion on the time frame and workplan with regard to the implementation of the Peer Review's recommendations, the Board encouraged the Evaluation Committee to proceed swiftly. Having received assurances that progress would continue to be made, the Executive Board welcomed the Committee's intention to report on progress and on any issues that may arise in the implementation of the recommendations of the Peer Review of IFAD's Office of Evaluation and Evaluation Function.
25. Last, the Executive Board noted the President's reaffirmed commitment to safeguard the independence of the Office of Evaluation and to the establishment of regular meetings between the President and the Director, IOE, with a view to fostering improved communication and collaboration, while noting the difference between operational independence, recruitment and authority to appoint staff.

G. President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA) (agenda item 8)

26. The Executive Board reviewed the President's Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA) together with its addendum (EB 2010/100/R.7 + Add.1). Following a productive discussion, the Board noted the information provided therein.

H. Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources: Establishment and selection of chair (agenda item 9)

27. The Board reviewed the document on the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources: Establishment and selection of chair, together with its corrigendum (EB 2010/100/R.8 + Corr.1), and endorsed the document as amended in EB 2010/100/R.8/Rev.1 in line with constructive discussions held during the session which covered, *inter alia*, the rationale and process for selecting an external chair of a replenishment consultation, the selection criteria and role thereof, as well as costs involved.
28. Several Board representatives suggested that besides meeting the selection criteria indicated in the document as revised, the chairperson should also be of a stature that allows him/her access to the highest-level decision-makers within relevant governments, and have extensive knowledge of the changing aid architecture and evolving current economic situation at global level.
29. Having received a request from the representative of Cameroon to consider the expansion of List C membership of the Consultation, the Board decided to discuss this matter in more detail at its December session. In the meantime, Convenors and Friends would consult on this issue to facilitate the discussion.

I. Country strategic opportunities programme: Côte d'Ivoire (agenda item 10)

30. The Executive Board reviewed the country strategic opportunities programme for Côte d'Ivoire (EB 2010/100/R.9). The Board agreed with the proposed strategic objectives

and praised the quality of the document, while emphasizing that country procurement systems should be used only when consistent with IFAD guidelines. Failing this, IFAD guidelines should prevail. With regard to risk, it was noted that although unemployed young people may possibly be seen as posing a risk for social stability, their potential in relation to agricultural development should not be underestimated. Finally, the Board took note of the responses provided to the questions raised about the mitigation measures for the risks identified in the COSOP.

J. IFAD lending terms and conditions – Hardened lending terms (agenda item 11)

31. Having considered the document on the IFAD lending terms and conditions – Hardened lending terms (EB 2010/100/R.10), together with the oral report of the Audit Committee’s discussions at its 116th meeting on this item, the Executive Board approved the recommendations contained therein, namely:
- (a) The creation of a category of lending terms similar to the hardened terms offered by the International Development Association (IDA).
 - (b) The application of such terms to IFAD loans for those countries to which IDA provides hardened terms.
 - (c) Lending under IFAD hardened terms will be identical to IFAD highly concessional terms except for the maturity period, which will be 20 years instead of 40.
 - (d) The category of IFAD hardened terms, as defined in this report, will remain effective for as long as the IDA hardened terms remain in force, as currently defined.
 - (e) The revision of section 5.01 (Lending Terms) of IFAD’s General Conditions for Agricultural Development Financing to introduce the IFAD hardened terms category as follows:

“(b) Hardened Terms: Loans granted on hardened terms shall be free of interest but bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum payable semi-annually in the Loan Service Payment Currency, and shall have a maturity period of twenty (20) years, including a grace period of ten (10) years starting from the date of approval of the Loan by the Fund’s Executive Board.”

The order of the current paragraphs (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) of section 5.01 will be renumbered accordingly.
32. In addition, the Executive Board recommended that IFAD be authorized to generally align its lending terms with those of IDA.

K. Resources available for commitment (agenda item 12)

33. The Executive Board, having considered the resources available for commitment document together with its addendum (EB 2010/100/R.11/Add.1), noted that estimated net inflows for the period from 1 January to 31 August 2010 amounted to US\$549.5 million. With loans and grants presented for approval amounting to US\$127.6 million, loans and grants to be approved through lapse-of-time procedure amounting to US\$40.6 million, as well as loans and grants already approved of US\$276.1 million, and an already approved advance commitment authority of US\$75.3 million, no shortfall was foreseen for this period and no additional advance commitment authority was therefore required.

L. Project/programme proposals for consideration by the Executive Board (agenda item 13)

34. The Board noted the oral report provided on the status of effectiveness of proposals already approved at previous sessions of the Board. Clarification was provided with regard to the Cariri and Seridó Sustainable Development Project in Brazil, and the Board was informed that an official communication had been received from the

Ministry of Planning of Brazil, stating that the Ministry of Finance had authorized the Government of the State of Paraiba to negotiate the financing agreement with IFAD for this project. On this basis, the financing agreement was expected to be negotiated by the end of October 2010.

35. Furthermore, the Executive Board noted that, with respect to the Fostering Agricultural Productivity Project in Mali, a copy of the negotiated financing agreement would be tabled at the December session. As Management had received a letter from the Government of Mali confirming its endorsement of the negotiated text of the financing agreement, the Executive Board was advised that all of the required important assurances required by the Board were met in said text.

36. The Executive Board considered the following project/programme proposals:

(a) **West and Central Africa**

(i) *Guinea: National Programme to Support Agricultural Value Chain Actors*

37. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.12 with its addendum and negotiated financing agreement, and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall provide to the Republic of Guinea a grant under the Debt Sustainability Framework in an amount equivalent to five million eight hundred thousand special drawing rights (SDR 5,800,000) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(ii) *Guinea-Bissau: President's memorandum: Rural Rehabilitation and Community Development Project – Supplementary grant*

38. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.13 with its addendum, and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall provide a supplementary grant to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau in an amount equivalent to seven hundred thousand special drawing rights (SDR 700,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(iii) *Mali: Fostering Agricultural Productivity Project*

39. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.14 with its addendum, and adopted the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan on highly concessional terms to the Republic of Mali in an amount equivalent to twenty-one million special drawing rights (SDR 21,000,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.

RESOLVED FURTHER: that the Fund shall provide a grant to the Republic of Mali in an amount equivalent to two hundred thousand special drawing rights (SDR 200,000) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(iv) *Mali: President's memorandum: Northern Regions Investment and Rural Development Programme – Supplementary grant*

40. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.15 with its addendum, and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a supplementary grant to the Republic of Mali in an amount equivalent to seven hundred thousand special drawing rights (SDR 700,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(v) *Nigeria: President's memorandum: Community-Based Agricultural and Rural Development Programme – Supplementary loan*

41. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.16 with its addendum, and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a supplementary loan on highly concessional terms to the Federal Republic of Nigeria in an amount equivalent to eight million six hundred and twenty thousand special drawing rights (SDR 8,620,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(vi) *Sao Tome and Principe: President's memorandum: Participatory Smallholder Agriculture and Artisanal Fisheries Development Programme – Supplementary grant*

42. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.17 with its addendum, and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall provide a grant to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe in an amount equivalent to one million nine hundred and ninety thousand special drawing rights (SDR 1,990,000) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(b) **East and Southern Africa**

(i) *Angola: President's memorandum: Request for a waiver of the policy on taxes for the Market-oriented Smallholder Agriculture Project*

43. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.18 and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall approve the waiver of the policy on taxes as contained in section 11.01 of the General Conditions for Agricultural Development Financing for project loan agreement number 736-AO with effect from the respective effective date thereof, upon the terms and conditions presented herein."

(ii) *Kenya: Programme for Rural Outreach of Financial Innovations and Technologies (PROFIT)*

44. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.19 with its addendum and negotiated financing agreement, and adopted the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan on highly concessional terms to the Republic of Kenya in an amount equivalent to nineteen million three hundred thousand special drawing rights (SDR 19,300,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.

RESOLVED FURTHER: that the Fund shall provide a grant to the Republic of Kenya in an amount equivalent to three hundred and ninety-five thousand special drawing rights (SDR 395,000) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(iii) *Uganda: Agricultural Technology and Agribusiness Advisory Services Project*

45. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.20 and adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan on highly concessional terms to the Republic of Uganda in an amount equivalent to nine million three hundred thousand special drawing rights (SDR 9,300,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein."

(iv) *Zambia: President's memorandum: Smallholder Agribusiness Promotion Programme – Supplementary grant*

46. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.21 and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall provide a supplementary grant to the Republic of Zambia in an amount of (US\$1.0 million), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.”

(c) **Latin America and Caribbean**

Honduras: Sustainable Rural Development Programme for the Southern Region (Emprende Sur)

47. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.23 with its addendum and negotiated financing agreement, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan on highly concessional terms to the Republic of Honduras in an amount equivalent to six million six hundred and fifty thousand special drawing rights (SDR 6,650,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.”

48. The Representatives of Argentina and Brazil wished that it be put on record that, while they did not object to the Sustainable Rural Development Programme for the Southern Region (Emprende Sur) per se, since it is aimed at alleviating hunger and rural poverty among the people of Honduras, they were not in a position to join the consensus as they did not recognize the authorities in the exercise of power in Honduras.

49. At the same time, considering the key role of IFAD in the fight against rural poverty, and recognizing the benefits that this project will bring to the most vulnerable farming communities of Honduras, particularly women and young farmers, the Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela supported the project proposal that was presented. However, the Representative of this Member State wished to place on record that the support to the project did not imply recognition of the Government and the authorities of that country on the part of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

(d) **Near East and North Africa**

(i) *Armenia: Rural Asset Creation Programme*

50. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.24 with its addendum and negotiated financing agreement, and adopted the following resolutions:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan on hardened terms, as defined in paragraph 2 of this document, to the Republic of Armenia in an amount equivalent to eight million nine hundred thousand special drawing rights (SDR 8,900,000), and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.

RESOLVED FURTHER: that the Fund shall provide a grant to the Republic of Armenia in an amount equivalent to three hundred and thirty thousand special drawing rights (SDR 330,000) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.”

(ii) *Djibouti: President's memorandum: Programme for the Mobilization of Surface Water and Sustainable Land management – Supplementary grant*

51. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2010/100/R.25 with its addendum, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall provide a supplementary grant to the Republic of Djibouti in an amount equivalent to two million special drawing rights (SDR 2,000,000) and upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented herein.”

M. Planned project activities including those proposed and approved under the lapse-of-time procedure (agenda item 14)

52. Document EB 2010/100/R.26 on planned project activities including those proposed and approved under the lapse-of-time procedure was presented to the Board for information purposes.

N. Implementation of rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board on the lapse-of-time procedure (agenda item 15)

53. The Board, having considered the document on the implementation of rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board on the lapse-of-time procedure, to be revised as EB 2010/100/R.41/Rev.1, approved the methodology and principles outlined therein for governing the implementation of rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, approved by the Board in December 2009. In doing so, the Board approved the application by IFAD Management, in implementing the lapse-of-time approval procedure, of the following methodology and principles:
- (i) Except for large grants regulated by the IFAD Policy for Grant Financing, no projects/programmes will be deemed approved under the lapse-of-time procedure if the negotiated financing agreement is not delivered to Board representatives.
 - (ii) Negotiated financing agreements will be delivered to representatives at least five business days prior to the lapse of 30 days following delivery of the proposals (i.e. President’s reports and project/programme design documents).
 - (iii) In the event that the negotiated financing agreement is not posted on the Fund’s website within the stipulated time, in accordance with (ii) above, and/or there are substantial changes with respect to the terms and conditions presented to members in the President’s report, the proposal concerned will be deemed withdrawn from the lapse-of-time approval process. Such proposal may be resubmitted for approval later, either under the lapse-of-time procedure or at a regular session of the Executive Board.

O. Project Procurement Guidelines (agenda item 16)

54. The Executive Board approved the Project Procurement Guidelines document together with its addendum (EB 2010/100/R.27 +Add.1 to be revised as EB 2010/100/R.27/Rev.1), and welcomed the oral presentation on the Audit Committee’s review of this item at its 116th meeting. The Board acknowledged that eligibility to participate in procurement should not be limited to IFAD Member States. To this effect, the Board decided that Section 4.08 of the General Conditions for Agricultural Development Financing and paragraphs 64 and 65 of the present proposal were to be amended accordingly.

P. Review of the Debt Sustainability Framework at IFAD (agenda item 17)

55. The Executive Board considered the Review of the Debt Sustainability Framework at IFAD (EB 2010/100/R.28 to be revised as EB 2010/100/R.28/Rev.1) and took note of the information contained therein.

Q. Establishment of a Spanish Food Security Cofinancing Facility Trust Fund (agenda item 18)

56. The Board, having considered the relevant document (EB 2010/100/R.29/Rev.1 in English and EB 2010/100/R.29 in Arabic, French and Spanish, to be respectively revised as EB 2010/100/R.29/Rev.2 in English and as EB 2010/100/R.29/Rev. 1 in the other languages) and taken note of the clarifications provided by Management and by the Representative of Spain on its terms and conditions, unanimously approved the draft resolution on the instrument establishing a Spanish Food Security Cofinancing Facility Trust Fund contained in annex I thereof on the understanding that the text concerning the preferred creditor status (Annex I, Section 4 (f)) had been formally withdrawn, and approved the conclusion by the Trust Fund of a borrowing agreement with Spain. The Executive Board noted that it would be informed upon finalization of the negotiations on said instrument, including the list of eligible countries and the negotiated financial terms and conditions.

R. IFAD Medium-term Plan 2010-2012: Progress report (agenda item 19)

57. The Executive Board considered the document entitled "A Medium-term Plan for IFAD 2010-2012: Progress report" (EB 2010/100/R.30) and, following a productive discussion, took note of the information contained therein.
58. Recognizing the importance of the issue regarding the payment of pledges made to the Fund, Management confirmed to the Board that this was a subject of focus during the time leading up to the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources. In order to facilitate discussion within the Executive Board, this issue would be taken up with Convenors and Friends with a view to further consideration during the December 2010 session of the Board.

S. Financial matters (agenda item 20)

(a) Reports of the Audit Committee

- (i) Report of the Chairperson on the 115th meeting of the Audit Committee
59. The Executive Board reviewed the Chairperson's report on the 115th meeting of the Audit Committee (EB 2010/100/R.31) and took note of the information provided therein.
- (ii) Report of the Chairperson on the 116th meeting of the Audit Committee – Level of the General Reserve
60. The Board noted the information provided by means of an oral update on the proceedings of the 116th meeting of the Audit Committee on the financial documents submitted to the Board.
61. The Executive Board welcomed the assurance that the concerns raised by the Committee on the interim arrangements for the replacement of the Director, Office of Audit and Oversight, had been taken into account by Management and that Management would take action.
62. The Executive Board noted the Committee's positive review of the adequacy of the internal oversight mechanisms. With regard to the Committee's review of the Level of the General Reserve (EB 2010/100/R.32), the Board welcomed the Audit Committee's request for the submission of a more comprehensive document, which would be discussed by the Committee itself in November 2010 and subsequently presented to the Board at its December 2010 session.
63. The Executive Board welcomed the Committee's consideration of the issue of access by representatives of the Executive Board who are not members of the Audit Committee to the documents presented to the Committee and the decision to make

such documentation available to all representatives of the Executive Board, by confidential means, if appropriate.

64. The Board representatives were provided with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation shared with the Audit Committee members during its 116th session concerning the Loan and Grant System replacement project, on the understanding that, pending completion of the bidding process, the information contained therein was of a confidential nature.
65. Following a request from the Representative of Germany, an oral update was provided by Management on the IFAD residence. This covered the significant reduction of costs secured to date and further measures taken to this effect, including negotiations with the landlord. Management confirmed that it has initiated a market search for other properties meeting the Fund's and its President's needs and that, beginning in 2011 and for the rest of his current tenure, the President would institute a cap on the total budget for the IFAD residence. Should the cost of a suitable IFAD residence exceed this cap, the President would be ready to assume the difference.

(b) Report on the status of contributions to the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources

66. The report on the status of contributions to the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources (document EB 2010/100/R.33) was presented to the Executive Board for information purposes.

(c) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the second quarter of 2010

67. The report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the second quarter of 2010 (document EB 2010/100/R.34) was presented to the Executive Board for information purposes.

T. Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council (agenda item 21)

68. The Executive Board considered the draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council (EB 2010/100/R.35) and approved it in accordance with rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council.
69. The Board was informed of the notification received by the Fund from Italy that the Host Government would not provide additional funds to cover the costs of hosting the Governing Council in 2011 and that Management was considering this change in practice and would inform the Board of its implications and potential impact in due course. On a related note, the Executive Board was reminded that, should this not involve additional costs to the Fund, the Governing Council could also be hosted in a location other than the seat of the IFAD headquarters.
70. With regard to the associated issues raised, the Executive Board decided that these would be taken up in Convenors and Friends with a view to achieving agreement on these.

U. Other business (agenda item 22)

(a) Application for non-original membership

71. The Board, having considered the application for non-original membership by the Republic of Uzbekistan (EB 2010/100/R.36), recommended that the Governing Council approve this application and expressed its wish to transmit a draft resolution thereon to the Council's thirty-fourth session.

(b) Minutes of the ninety-ninth session of the Executive Board

72. Having considered the minutes of the ninety-ninth session of the Executive Board (EB 2010/100/R.37), the Executive Board approved the amendments as shown in the document and adopted the revised minutes.

(c) Silent observers at Executive Board proceedings

73. Having reviewed the document regarding silent observers at Executive Board proceedings (EB 2010/100/R.38), the Executive Board concluded that as of its 101st session silent observers would be admitted to attend proceedings in line with proposals contained in said document EB 2010/100/R.38. Management will present a paper to the Executive Board at its December 2010 session, capturing relevant issues discussed.
74. Expanding the discussion to attendance at informal seminars, following a request made by the representative of Sweden, Management agreed to allow one person per Member State not member of the Executive Board to follow the proceedings in the salle d'écoute upon notice to the Office of the Secretary.

(d) Election of representatives of the Governing Council to the IFAD Staff Pension Committee

75. Considering the document on the Election of Representatives of the Governing Council to the IFAD Staff Pension Committee (EB 2010/100/R.39), the Executive Board was informed that Ms Kwena Komape, Agriculture Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa, had been proposed to serve as Member; Mr Stefano Marguccio, First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative of the Italian Republic to IFAD, as First Alternate Member; and Mr Danny Rahdiansyah, Third Secretary, Multilateral and Political Affairs and Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to IFAD, as Second Alternate Member. Recalling that representatives elected to serve on the Pension Committee do so in their individual capacity, the Board elected the proposed representatives to serve for a period of three years ending on 30 September 2013.

(e) Accreditation of IFAD as a multilateral implementation entity of the Adaptation Fund

76. The Executive Board, having considered and approved the document on the accreditation of IFAD as a multilateral implementation entity of the Adaptation Fund (EB 2010/100/R.40), authorized the President to negotiate and finalize with the Adaptation Fund and/or the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) the agreements required for said accreditation. The texts of such agreements to be negotiated and concluded would be submitted to the Executive Board for its information at a subsequent session.

(f) The Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security

77. The Board noted the information provided on the Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), which had been included in the agenda at the request of the Representative of Mexico. Management indicated that the letter received from the Chair of the CFS was being considered and that appropriate action would be taken in due course.

(g) Progress Report on Implementation of the 2010 Programme of Work and the Change and Reform Agenda: Towards a more Agile, Efficient and Effective Institution

78. Following up on the President's opening statement, the Board considered the non-paper entitled "Progress Report on Implementation of the 2010 Programme of Work and the Change and Reform Agenda: Towards a more Agile, Efficient and Effective Institution" (EB 2010/100/INF.5) and took note of the information contained therein.

V. Closure of the session

79. The Executive Board noted that, as the corporate-level evaluation of IFAD's role and instruments relative to the engagement with the private sector was now being planned for completion in May 2011, the IFAD private sector and partnership strategy would be postponed. As a consequence, the presentation of the private sector and partnership

strategy was rescheduled for an informal seminar in September 2011 and final submission to the Board at its December 2011 session.

80. The Board further took note of a scheduled informal seminar, prior to the December 2010 session, on the Policy on Environment and Natural Resources. This seminar would facilitate the finalization of the policy, which would be presented for the Executive Board's consideration at its May 2011 session.



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EB 2010/100/INF.6 ³		Decisions and deliberations of the 100 th session of the Executive Board
EB 2010/100/INF.7 ⁴		Summary of project and programme proposals discussed by the Executive Board

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Agenda

As communicated to the Executive Board at its ninety-sixth session, the Chairperson of the Board – the President of IFAD – has proposed the implementation of a number of measures to enhance the effectiveness of the Executive Board.

Among these is the proposal that items presented for information will be discussed during a Board session only if deemed necessary by Management or at the specific request of a Board member. Such requests should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of IFAD three weeks before the Board session.

The schedule of work will include only items to be discussed during the Board session (i.e. items for approval or review and items for information as identified by Management or for which a written request for discussion at the Board has been received) and will be posted on the IFAD website two weeks before the session.

For ease of reference, each agenda item is assigned a letter to indicate the action required of the Board, as follows:

A = For approval

I = For information

R = For review

Representatives are invited to note rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board relative to the distribution of documents:

“...The four-week dispatch limit with respect to documents presented for and requiring action by the Executive Board at a session shall not be exceeded. However, if necessary, information relating to matters that do not require decisions by the Board, or additional information regarding projects, may be provided subsequently. ”

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda **[A]**
3. Oral presentation – South-South Cooperation in IFAD’s operating model **[I]**
4. High-level preview of IFAD's 2011 results-based programme of work and administrative and capital budgets, and the preview of the Office of Evaluation's results-based work programme and budget for 2011 and indicative plan for 2012-2013 **[R]**
5. IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents (2010)**[A]**
6. Guidelines on dealing with De Facto Governments **[A]**
7. Evaluation
 - (a) Reports of the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee **[R]**
 - (i) Report of the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee on the country visit to Mozambique
 - (ii) Report of the Chairperson on the sixty-third session of the Evaluation Committee
8. President’s Report on the Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA) **[R]**
9. Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources: Establishment and selection of chair **[R]**
10. Country strategic opportunities programme: Côte d’Ivoire [R]
11. IFAD lending terms and conditions – Hardened lending terms **[A]**
12. Resources available for commitment **[A]**
13. Project/programme proposals for consideration by the Executive Board **[A]**
 - (a) West and Central Africa
 - (i) Guinea: National Programme to Support Agricultural Value Chain Actors
 - (ii) Guinea-Bissau: President’s memorandum: Rural Rehabilitation and Community Development Project – Supplementary grant
 - (iii) Mali: Fostering Agricultural Productivity Project
 - (iv) Mali: President’s memorandum: Northern Regions Investment and Rural Development Programme – Supplementary grant
 - (v) Nigeria: President’s memorandum: Community-Based Agricultural and Rural Development Programme – Supplementary loan
 - (vi) Sao Tome and Principe: President’s memorandum: Participatory Smallholder Agriculture and Artisanal Fisheries Development Programme – Supplementary grant
 - (b) East and Southern Africa
 - (i) Angola: President’s memorandum: Request for a waiver of the policy on taxes for the Market-oriented Smallholder Agriculture Project
 - (ii) Kenya: Programme for Rural Outreach of Financial Innovations and Technologies (PROFIT)

- (iii) Uganda: Agricultural Technology and Agribusiness Advisory Services Project
 - (iv) Zambia: President's memorandum: Smallholder Agribusiness Promotion Programme – Supplementary grant
- (c) Latin America and the Caribbean
 - Honduras: Sustainable Rural Development Programme for the Southern Region (*Emprende Sur*)
- (d) Near East and North Africa
 - (i) Armenia: Rural Asset Creation Programme
 - (ii) Djibouti: President's memorandum: Programme for the Mobilization of Surface Water and Sustainable Land Management – Supplementary grant
- 14. Planned project activities including those proposed and approved under the lapse-of-time procedure 2010-2011 **[I]**
- 15. Implementation of rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board on the lapse-of-time procedure **[A]**
- 16. Project Procurement Guidelines **[A]**
- 17. Review of the Debt Sustainability Framework at IFAD **[R]**
- 18. Establishment of the Spanish Food Security Cofinancing Facility Trust Fund **[A]**
- 19. IFAD Medium-term Plan 2010-2012: Progress report **[I]**
- 20. Financial matters
 - (a) Reports of the Audit Committee **[R]**
 - (i) Report of the Chairperson on the 115th meeting of the Audit Committee
 - (ii) Report of the Chairperson on the 116th meeting of the Audit Committee
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 - (b) Report on the status of contributions to the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources **[I]**
 - (c) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the second quarter of 2010 **[I]**
- 21. Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council **[A]**
- 22. Other business
 - (a) Application for non-original membership **[A]**
 - (b) Minutes of the ninety-ninth session of the Executive Board **[A]**
 - (c) Silent observers at Executive Board proceedings **[R]**
 - (d) Election of representatives of the Governing Council to the IFAD Staff Pension Committee **[A]**
 - (e) Accreditation of IFAD as a multilateral implementing entity of the Adaptation Fund **[A]**
 - (f) Secretariat of the Committee on World Food Security **[I]**
 - (g) Progress Report on Implementation of the 2010 Programme of Work and the Change and Reform Agenda: Towards a more Agile, Efficient and Effective Institution **[I]**