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Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council

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Recommendation for approval

1. Rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council provides that the President shall prepare, with the approval of the Executive Board, a provisional agenda for each session of the Governing Council. Accordingly, the Executive Board is invited to consider and approve the attached draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council.
2. The Executive Board is also invited to note that the Governing Council will receive, together with the attached provisional agenda, a programme of events for the Council.

Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council

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12. Revision of IFAD's Lending Policies and Criteria
13. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
14. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council will be held on Saturday, 19 February and Sunday, 20 February 2011.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda, prepared by the President and approved by the Executive Board in accordance with rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, is contained in the present document (GC 34/L.1).

3. Application for non-original membership

The Executive Board considered the application for membership of IFAD from the Republic of Uzbekistan. The recommendation of the Board in this regard, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented in document GC 34/L.2.

4. Statement of the President of IFAD

Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze will make a statement to the Governing Council.

5. General statements

Governors are invited to make general statements under this agenda item and to comment on other items on the agenda, as appropriate.

6. Report on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources

A report on the status of the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources will be presented in document GC 34/L.3.

7. Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's resources

Article 4.3 of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development provides for periodic review by the Governing Council of the adequacy of IFAD's resources in order to assure continuity in the Fund's operations. Document GC 34/L.4 will be presented to the Council to facilitate its consideration of the Fund's future resource requirements and will contain a draft resolution on the establishment of the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources.

8. Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2009

In accordance with regulation XII of the Financial Regulations of IFAD and section 9 of the By-Laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, the Governing Council will be invited to consider document GC 34/L.5, which will contain the consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2009 and the report of the external auditor. The ninety-ninth session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2010 and recommended that they be submitted for approval by the Governing Council.

9. Revision of Financial Regulations of IFAD

Document GC 34/L.6 will contain the revisions proposed to IFAD's Financial Regulations, in view of the integration of the Programme Development Financing Facility into the administrative budget in 2010, as recommended by the Executive Board to the Governing Council for its approval.

10. IFAD's capital and administrative budgets and the budget of the Office of Evaluation for 2011

The budgets of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2011, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 34/L.7, together with a draft resolution thereon.

11. Report on the special expenditure for the voluntary separation programme for IFAD for 2009-2010

In adopting resolution 156/XXXII in February 2009, the Governing Council approved the special expenditure to finance the voluntary separation programme

for IFAD for a two-year period during financial years 2009 and 2010 inclusive. In accordance with the Council's request, document GC 34/L.8 will provide a final report on the expenditures incurred in respect to the voluntary separation programme.

12. Revision of IFAD's Lending Policies and Criteria

In accordance with resolution 158/XXXIII on the Revision of the Lending Policies and Criteria, the Executive Board shall submit to the thirty-fourth session of the Governing Council revised Lending Policies and Criteria that shall take into account all developments since the last revision of the Lending Policies and Criteria in 1998 and express concisely and clearly the broad policies and criteria applicable to financing by the Fund. The Revised Lending Policies and Criteria will be provided in document GC 34/L.9.

13. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system

Document GC 34/L.10 will provide the Council, for its information, with the eighth progress report on the implementation of the performance-based allocation system for IFAD, approved by the Executive Board in September 2003.

14. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

The twenty-first session of the Governing Council of IFAD approved the selection of IFAD to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Document GC 34/L.11 will report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2010.

15. Emoluments of the President

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, the Emoluments Committee should be re-established by the Governing Council in February 2011 to further clarify guidelines relative to the President's emoluments. The Emoluments Committee is to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session in February 2012. A draft resolution in this regard will be contained in document GC 34/L.12 for the consideration of the Council.

16. Other business

Under this item, the Governing Council will consider any additional matters not included in the provisional agenda that may be proposed by members of the Council and/or the Secretariat.