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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, review or confirmation and items for information 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

C = For confirmation

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. IFAD's 2012 results-based programme of work and administrative and capital budgets, and the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD's results-based work programme and budget for 2012 and indicative plan for 2013-2014 **[A]**
4. Deepening IFAD's Engagement with the Private Sector **[A]**
5. Evaluation
 - (a) Reports of the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee **[R]**
 - (i) Report of the Chairperson on the sixty-ninth session of the Evaluation Committee
 - (ii) Report of the Chairperson on the seventieth session of the Evaluation Committee
 - (iii) Report of the Chairperson on the Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Peer Review of IFAD's Office of Evaluation and Evaluation Function
 - (b) Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) **[R]**
6. Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE) **[R]**
7. IFAD's participation in the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative **[A]**
8. Country strategic opportunities programme for the Democratic Republic of the Congo **[R]**
9. Resources available for commitment **[A]**
10. Project/programme proposals for consideration by the Executive Board **[A]**
 - (a) West and Central Africa
 - (i) Côte d'Ivoire: Support to Agricultural Development and Marketing Project
 - (ii) Guinea: National Programme to Support Agricultural Value Chain Actors (PNAFA), Upper Guinea component
 - (iii) Liberia: Smallholder Tree Crop Revitalization Support Project
 - (iv) Niger: Food Security and Development Support Project in the Maradi Region (PASADEM)
 - (b) East and Southern Africa
 - (i) Comoros: President's memorandum: National Programme for Sustainable Human Development – supplementary grant
 - (ii) Madagascar: Vocational Training and Agricultural Productivity Improvement Programme (FORMAPROD)¹
 - (iii) Madagascar: President's memorandum: Project to Support Development in the Menabe and Melaky Regions – supplementary loan²
 - (iv) Malawi: Sustainable Agricultural Production Programme (SAPP)

¹ Subject to the fulfilment of all criteria relating to IFAD's Guidelines on Dealing with De Facto Governments.

² As per footnote 1.

- (c) Asia and the Pacific
 - (i) Cambodia: President's memorandum: Rural Livelihoods Improvement Project in Kratie, Preah Vihear and Ratanakiri – supplementary loan and grant
 - (ii) China: Guangxi Integrated Agricultural Development Project
 - (iii) India: Integrated Livelihood Support Project
 - (iv) Lao People's Democratic Republic: Soum Son Seun Jai - Community-based Food Security and Economic Opportunities Programme
 - (v) Sri Lanka: Iranamadu Irrigation Development Project
 - (vi) Timor-Leste: Timor-Leste Maize Storage Project
 - (d) Latin America and the Caribbean
 - (i) Plurinational State of Bolivia: Economic Inclusion Programme for Families and Rural Communities in the Territory of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (ACCESOS)
 - (iv) Haiti: President's memorandum: Productive Initiatives Support Programme in Rural Areas – supplementary grant
 - (v) Nicaragua: President's memorandum: Inclusion of Small-scale Producers in Value Chains and Market Access Project – supplementary loan and grant
 - (e) Near East and North Africa
 - (i) Bosnia and Herzegovina: Rural Business Development Project
 - (ii) Egypt: Promotion of Rural Incomes through Market Enhancement Project
 - (iii) Morocco: Agricultural Value Chain Development Project in the Mountain Zones of Al-Haouz Province
 - (iv) Sudan: Seed Development Project
 - (v) Tunisia: President's memorandum: Integrated Agricultural Development Project in the Governorate of Siliana – Phase II – supplementary loan
 - (vi) Tunisia: President's memorandum: Agropastoral Development and Local Initiatives Promotion Programme for the South-East (PRODESUD) – supplementary loan and grant
 - (vii) Yemen: YemenInvest - Rural Employment Programme
11. Grant proposal for consideration by the Executive Board **[A]**
Grant under the private-sector grants window to Mali Biocarburant SA
 12. Planned project activities 2011-2012 **[I]**
 13. Report on the third session of the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources **[I]**
 14. Financial matters
 - (a) Report of the 121st meeting of the Audit Committee **[R]**
 - (i) Selection of the external auditor of IFAD for the period 2012-2016 **[A]**
 - (b) Revisions to the Financial Regulations of IFAD **[A]**
 - (c) IFAD Investment Policy
 - (i) IFAD Investment Policy Statement [A]
 - (ii) IFAD Investment Guidelines [I]

- (iii) Internal Control Framework for IFAD Investments **[I]**
- (d) Introduction of IFAD Blend Lending Terms **[R]**
- (e) Revisions to the IFAD Guidelines on Project Audits (for Borrowers' Use) **[A]**
- (f) Workplan of IFAD's Office of Audit and Oversight for 2012 **[C]**
- (g) Status reports **[I]**
 - (i) Report on the status of contributions to the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
 - (ii) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the third quarter of 2011
- 15. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system **[A]**
- 16. Annual Report on Quality Assurance in IFAD's Projects and Programmes **[I]**
- 17. Change and reform
 - (a) Update on Change and reform: Implementation **[I]**
 - (b) Special Expenditure for the Voluntary Separation Programme for IFAD for 2009-2011 **[A]**
- 18. Report on IFAD's hosting of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa **[I]**
- 19. Revised provisional agenda and programme of events for the thirty-fifth session of the Governing Council **[A]**
- 20. Other business
 - (a) Governance and risk management of the Credit Union of IFAD employees **[I]**
 - (b) Amendment to dates for Executive Board sessions in April and September 2012 **[A]**
 - (c) Deliberations of the informal seminar on a code of conduct for Executive Board representatives **[I]**
 - (d) Applications for non-original membership **[A]**
 - (i) Republic of South Sudan
 - (ii) Republic of Estonia
 - (e) Informal seminars **[I]**