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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 representative. 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 Policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment **[A]**
4. Evaluation
 - (a) Report of the Chairperson on the seventy-first session of the Evaluation Committee **[R]**
 - (b) Appointment of members of the Evaluation Committee **[A]**
5. Country strategic opportunities programmes **[R]**
 - (a) Bangladesh
 - (b) Viet Nam
6. Resources available for commitment **[A]**
7. Project/programme proposals for consideration by the Executive Board **[A]**
 - (a) West and Central Africa
 - (i) Nigeria: Value Chain Development Programme
 - (ii) Sierra Leone: President's memorandum: Rural Finance and Community Improvement Programme – supplementary loan and grant
 - (b) East and Southern Africa
 - (i) Kenya: Upper Tana Catchment Natural Resource Management Project
 - (ii) Madagascar: Vocational Training and Agricultural Productivity Improvement Programme (FORMAPROD)
 - (iii) Madagascar: President's memorandum: Project to Support Development in the Menabe and Melaky Regions – supplementary loan
 - (c) Asia and the Pacific
 - (i) Cambodia: Project for Agricultural Development and Economic Empowerment
 - (ii) Nepal: President's memorandum: Leasehold Forestry and Livestock Programme – supplementary loan and grant
 - (iii) Tonga: Tonga Rural Innovation Project
 - (d) Latin America and the Caribbean
 - (i) Colombia: Building Rural Entrepreneurial Capacities Project: Trust and Opportunity
 - (ii) Honduras: President's memorandum: Project for Enhancing the Rural Economic Competitiveness of Yoro – amendment to loan agreement
 - (iii) Mexico: Rural Development Project in the Mixteca Region and the Mazahua Zone
 - (e) Near East, North Africa and Europe
 - (i) Uzbekistan: Horticultural Support Project

8. Corporate strategic workplan for grant financing **[I]**
9. Planned project activities 2012-2013 **[I]**
10. Reimbursable Technical Assistance Programme **[A]**
11. Annual Report on Enterprise Risk Management Activities in IFAD **[I]**
12. Financial matters
 - (a) Report of the Chairperson on the 122nd meeting of the Audit Committee **[R]**
 - (b) Appointment of members of the Audit Committee **[A]**
 - (c) Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources **[I]**
 - (i) Report on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
 - (ii) Report on the status of contributions to the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
 - (d) Report on the status of contributions to the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources **[I]**
 - (e) IFAD's investment portfolio **[I]**
 - (i) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for 2011
 - (ii) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the first two months of the first quarter of 2012
 - (f) Principal, interest and service charge payments **[I]**
 - (i) Status report on arrears and principal, interest and service charge payments
 - (ii) Estimated principal and net service charge payments forgone as a result of the implementation of the Debt Sustainability Framework
 - (g) Requirements for the thirty-third drawdown of Member States' contributions in 2011 **[A]**
 - (h) Consolidated financial statements of IFAD as at 31 December 2011 including a Management assertion report on internal controls over financial reporting **[A]**
13. Other business
 - (a) Election of representatives of the Governing Council to the IFAD Staff Pension Committee **[A]**
 - (b) Appointment of members of the Performance-based Allocation System Working Group **[A]**
 - (c) Progress report of the Working Group on IFAD's Blend Terms **[A]**
 - (d) Housing arrangement for the Global Mechanism **[A]**
 - (e) Commemoration of Chairpersons of the Governing Council **[I]**
 - (f) Proposal for a trust fund for the Adaptation for Smallholder Agricultural Programme **[A]**
 - (g) Revision to the minutes of the 104th session of the Executive Board
 - (h) Appointment of the President **[I]**
 - (i) Statement of intent between the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the International Fund for Agricultural Development **[I]**
 - (j) Vice-Presidency of IFAD **[I]**