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Revised provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth 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. At its 106th session, the Executive Board requested that a description of good practice regarding the selection process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD, developed in 2008/2009, be provided to the Board in December 2012, having benefited from discussions with Convenors and Friends, for subsequent submission to the Governing Council in 2013 for endorsement. Furthermore, IFAD has received additional applications for non-original membership from Tuvalu and the Republic of Vanuatu, which are included in the revised provisional agenda. Accordingly, the Executive Board is invited to consider and approve the attached revised provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council inclusive of these additional items.
2. The Executive Board is also invited to note the draft programme of events for the Council, as contained in document EB 2012/107/INF.3

Revised provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council

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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 13 February and Thursday, 14 February 2013.

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 36/L.1).

3. Applications for non-original membership

The Executive Board considered the applications for membership received from the Republic of Nauru, from Tuvalu and from the Republic of Vanuatu. The recommendations of the Board in this regard, together with the draft resolutions thereon, will be presented in document GC 36/L.2.

4. Statement of the President of IFAD

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

5. Report of the Emoluments Committee

At its thirty-fourth session, the Governing Council adopted resolution 163/XXXIV, re-establishing a committee to review the overall emoluments and other conditions of the employment of the President of IFAD for presentation to the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council. Accordingly, document GC 36/L.3 will contain the recommendations of that committee, as endorsed by the Executive Board at its 106th session, for the consideration of the Governing Council.

6. Appointment of the President

In accordance with article 6, section 8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and section 6.2 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, the Governing Council is invited to consider the appointment of the President of IFAD.¹ In this respect, document GC 36/L.4 will provide the Council with the nominations received by the Secretary of IFAD for the presidency of IFAD and the curricula vitae of the candidates.

7. General statements

Governors are invited to make statements under this agenda item and are strongly encouraged to submit a video recording of their individual statements or to prepare statements by cluster, i.e. IFAD List or geographical country grouping.

8. Description of good practice regarding the selection process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD

At its 106th session, the Executive Board requested that a description of good practice regarding the selection process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD introduced in 2008/2009 be prepared for its consideration in December 2012 and subsequent submission to the Governing Council in 2013 for endorsement. Document GC 36/L.5 contains a proposal to endorse the practice described, which was considered by the Executive Board at its 107th session, as set out in the draft resolution thereon for the Council's consideration.

9. Report on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

In accordance with resolution 166/XXXV, document GC 36/L.6 will present a report on the status of commitments, payments, borrowing and other relevant matters concerning the replenishment, together with the Executive Board's comments, if

¹ The Governing Council shall appoint the President from the list of nominees through an election by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes.

any, and its recommendations thereon. This report will also provide information on the amount and allocation of votes created under the Ninth Replenishment.

10. Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2011

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 36/L.7, which will contain the consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2011 and the report of the external auditor. The 105th session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2012 and recommended that they be submitted for approval by the Governing Council.

11. IFAD's 2013 results-based programme of work and regular and capital budgets, the IOE results-based work programme and budget for 2013 and indicative plan for 2014-2015, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports

The budgets of IFAD and the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) for 2013, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval by the Governing Council, will be presented in document GC 36/L.8, together with a draft resolution thereon. This document will also report on the implementation of IFAD's performance-based allocation system (PBAS) and participation by IFAD in the Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC), for the information of the Council.

12. Revision of the IFAD Lending Policies and Criteria

In accordance with resolution 154/XXXII on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources and resolution 158/XXXIII on the Revisions of the Lending Policies and Criteria, and as agreed by the Governing Council during its thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions, a proposal for revised Lending Policies and Criteria, as considered by the Executive Board at its December 2012 session, will be submitted to the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council for approval. This proposal will be provided in document GC 36/L.9. (This annotation may be amended subsequent to the deliberations of the Executive Board.)

13. Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

At its ninth special session in May 2012, the Executive Board adopted a resolution on the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development Regarding the Modalities and Administrative Operations of the Global Mechanism. Pursuant to this resolution, the Executive Board will report on this matter to the Governing Council at its 2013 session. Document GC 36/L.10 contains said report for the consideration of the Governing Council.

14. 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.