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I. Project/programme proposals

1. The following project/programme proposals were approved by the 108th session of the Executive Board, and are in line with the Debt Sustainability Framework (DSF).

A. West and Central Africa

Burkina Faso: President's memorandum: Participatory Natural Resource Management and Rural Development Project in the North, Centre-North and East Regions (Neer-tamba Project) – supplementary loan and grant (EB 2013/108/R.8/Rev.1)

2. The Executive Board unanimously approved a highly concessional loan and a grant, for a total amount of SDR 19.35 million, to Burkina Faso for the supplementary financing of the Participatory Natural Resource Management and Rural Development Project in the North, Centre-North and East Regions (*Neer-tamba* Project), for which the EB of December 2012 had approved a grant of SDR 33.2 million. During the session, the Board member from France raised a question concerning the collaboration with the AFD in the implementation of its upcoming programme on security of tenure in the East region of Burkina Faso. The Board member from Denmark commented on harmonization and partnership in the implementation of Neer-Tamba with the Danish PADAB 2 (the Board member mentioned that written comments had been sent to the CPM which had received an exhaustive response). In addressing the comments of both Board members, the CPM confirmed that Neer-Tamba had not only been designed in partnership with other donors, in particular Denmark and the World Bank, with the intention to harmonize intervention strategies and modalities, but also to adhere to the Government's growth strategy and to jointly contribute to the achievement of the National Rural Sector Programme.

B. Asia and the Pacific

Bangladesh: Coastal Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Project (EB 2013/108/R.9/Rev.1)

3. The Executive Board approved unanimously the loan of SDR 26.1 million and the grant of SDR 660 000 for the *Climate Resilient Infrastructure Project* (CCRIP) for Bangladesh. The Board praised IFAD for engaging into partnerships with AsDB and KfW which mobilised approximately USD 59 million in co-financing for CCRIP. The Board commended IFAD for the project implementation arrangements, especially the selection of LGED as the lead agency and the targeting approach by working through labour contracting societies (LCS). The Board endorsed that CCRIP will be supervised jointly by all three co-financiers and recommended that the M&E system be set up and the baseline survey be carried out as soon as possible. IFAD explained that the selection of village community markets was completed during design to ensure that upgraded markets and roads were well connected and fully utilised to generate the expected benefits. Moreover, the rural infrastructure was designed in a way that it would be resilient to the effects of harsh weather events as predicted in the climate change scenarios for the coming 20 years.