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## **Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council**

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**For: Approval**

## **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-seventh 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-seventh session of the Governing Council**

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council
4. Application for non-original membership<sup>1</sup>
5. Statement of the President of IFAD
6. General statements
7. Report on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
8. Tenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
9. Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2012
10. IFAD's 2014 results-based programme of work and regular and capital budgets, the IOE results-based work programme and budget for 2014 and indicative plan for 2015-2016, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports
11. Report on the special expenditure for reform actualization
12. Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
13. Other business

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<sup>1</sup> This item will be confirmed upon receipt of applications for non-original membership and consideration of such applications by the Executive Board. Should no applications be received, this item will be removed from the provisional agenda.

## Annotations

### 1. Opening of the session

The thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 19 February and Thursday, 20 February 2014.

### 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 37/L.1).

### 3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council

The Governing Council is invited to elect a chairperson and two vice-chairpersons for the coming two years, in accordance with rule 12 of its Rules of Procedure.

### 4. Application for non-original membership

The Executive Board considered the application for membership received from \_\_\_\_\_. The recommendation of the Board in this regard, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented in document GC 37/L.2<sup>2</sup>.

### 5. Statement of the President of IFAD

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

### 6. 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.

### 7. Report on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

In accordance with resolution 166/XXXV, document GC 37/L.3 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 any, and its recommendations thereon.

### 8. Tenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

#### (a) Consultation on the Tenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources: Establishment and selection of chair

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 37/L.4 will be presented to the Council and will contain a draft resolution on the establishment of the Consultation on the Tenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources.

#### (b) Establishment of the special expenditure budget for activities related to the replenishments of IFAD's resources<sup>3</sup>

Document GC 37/L.5 will present a proposal for the establishment of a regularly replenished special expenditure budget for activities related to consultations on replenishment of IFAD's resources, to fund all future consultation-related activities.

### 9. Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2012

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

<sup>2</sup> This item will be confirmed upon receipt of applications for non-original membership and consideration of such applications by the Executive Board. Should no applications be received, this item will be removed from the provisional agenda.

<sup>3</sup> This item will be confirmed once it has been considered by the Executive Board in September and approved for submission to the Governing Council in February 2014.

be invited to consider document GC 37/L.6, which will contain the financial statements of IFAD for 2012, the report of the external auditor and the external auditor's independent attestation on internal controls over financial reporting. The 108<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2013 and recommended that they be submitted for approval by the Governing Council.

**10. IFAD's 2014 results-based programme of work and regular and capital budgets, the IOE results-based work programme and budget for 2014 and indicative plan for 2015-2016, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports**

The budgets of IFAD and the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD for 2014, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval by the Governing Council, will be presented in document GC 37/L.7, together with a draft resolution thereon. This document will also report on the implementation of IFAD's performance-based allocation system and participation by IFAD in the Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries, for the information of the Council.

**11. Report on the special expenditure for reform actualization**

In adopting resolution 169/XXXV in February 2012, the Governing Council approved the repurposing of the balance of the appropriation for the special expenditure for the Voluntary Separation Programme as a special expenditure for reform actualization to finance implementation of the outcomes of the major human resources reform initiatives. In accordance with the Council's request, document GC 37/L.8 will provide a final report on the expenditures incurred in this respect.

**12. Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

Document GC 37/L.9 will contain, for the information of the Governing Council, a report on IFAD's hosting of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, as considered by the Executive Board at its 110<sup>th</sup> session in December 2013.

**13. 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.