Establishment of the Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources

Note to Executive Board representatives
This document is a revised version of EB 2016/118/R.24/Rev.1. The document has been revised to reflect the recommendation in the final report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance (WGG 2016/9/L.2/Rev.2) concerning representation of List C in replenishment consultations. The changes have been highlighted for ease of reference.

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For: Approval
Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to submit to the fortieth session of the Governing Council the attached document with the draft resolution contained therein.

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1. Resolution 186/XXXVIII on the Tenth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources specifies that the period provided for the said Replenishment is the three-year period commencing on 1 January 2016 (paragraph I.(a)).

2. Article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD provides that, in order to assure continuity in the operations of the Fund, the Governing Council shall periodically review the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund.

3. In order to provide for the timely review of the availability of resources before the expiration of the Tenth Replenishment period, a draft resolution to establish a Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources should be considered by the Executive Board and subsequently submitted to the Governing Council, together with the Board’s recommendations thereon, for consideration and adoption.

4. Based on the favourable experiences with an external chair during the Consultations on the Ninth and Tenth Replenishments, it is recommended that the Executive Board select an external chair to be recommended to the Governing Council. It is similarly recommended that, to ensure continuity given the election of a new President of IFAD in February 2017, the Executive Board select Mr Johannes Linn as the candidate for the external chair to be recommended to the Governing Council.

5. Should the Executive Board endorse these proposals, it is hereby invited to approve the submission of the attached draft report and draft resolution to the Governing Council at its fortieth session in February 2017.

6. The Secretariat will prepare the necessary documentation for the consideration of the Consultation, outlining IFAD’s past and current operations, the programme and policy focus of the Fund’s operations and the future resource requirements of the Fund.

7. Consultation sessions will be held in 2017 and the Consultation’s recommendations will be reported to the forty-first session of the Governing Council in 2018. Four substantive sessions are expected to suffice to conclude the IFAD11 negotiations. Accordingly, and in consultation with the secretariats of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP), the following dates are proposed:

   - First session: Thursday and Friday, 16-17 February 2017
   - Second session: Thursday and Friday, 29-30 June 2017
   - Third session: Thursday and Friday, 19-20 October 2017
   - Fourth session: Thursday and Friday, 14-15 December 2017
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Governing Council, Fortieth Session
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The Governing Council is invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution contained in the attachment.

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2. Article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD provides that, in order to assure continuity in the operations of the Fund, the Governing Council shall periodically review the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund.

3. In order to provide for the timely review of the availability of resources before the expiration of the Tenth Replenishment period, the attached draft resolution to establish a Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources was considered by the Executive Board at its 118th session in September 2016, which recommended its further consideration and approval by the Governing Council. Further to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance finalized on 12 December, the attached draft resolution has been revised to reflect the recommendation of the Working Group on representation of List C in Replenishment Consultations. The draft resolution was considered again by the Executive Board at its 119th session in December 2016, which approved submission of a revised resolution to the fortieth session of the Governing Council.

4. The Executive Board has selected a candidate for the external chair of the Consultation to be recommended to the Governing Council. Based on favourable experience with the chair during the Consultations on the Ninth and Tenth Replenishments – and to ensure continuity given the election of a new President of IFAD in February 2017 – the Executive Board has recommended the selection of Mr Johannes Linn for the chair of the Consultation.

5. The Secretariat will prepare the necessary documentation for the consideration of the Consultation, outlining IFAD’s past and current operations, the programme and policy focus of the Fund’s operations and the future resource requirements of the Fund.
Draft resolution on the Establishment of the Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources

Resolution .../

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The Governing Council of IFAD,

Recalling article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, which provides that, in order to assure continuity in the operations of the Fund, the Governing Council shall periodically review the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund;

Further recalling that the period established by Governing Council resolution 186/XXXVIII for the Tenth Replenishment of the Fund’s resources will conclude on 31 December 2018;

Having considered the statement of the President on the need for a review of the adequacy of the resources available to the Fund and document GC................. thereon;

Having further considered the need for the establishment of a Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources;

Noting the report of the Working Group on Governance and its recommendation on representation of List C Members in Replenishment Consultations and the approval of such recommendation by the Governing Council at its fortieth session;

Decides that:

1. A Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources ("the Consultation") shall be established, to review the adequacy of the Fund’s resources and to report to the Governing Council. Based on favourable experience with the chair during the Consultations on the Ninth and Tenth Replenishments – and to ensure continuity given the election of a new President of IFAD in February 2017 – the Governing Council selects Mr Johannes Linn for the chair of the Consultation. The tasks of the chair of the Consultation are annexed to this resolution.

2. The first session of the Consultation shall be held on 16-17 February 2017.

3. The Consultation shall consist of all Member States from Lists A and B, provided however that four Member States will offer their Replenishment Consultation seats for the benefit of four low-income countries and potential or major contributors from List C; the Consultation shall also consist of 22 Member States from List C (including the four Replenishment Consultation seats offered by Lists A and B), to be appointed by the members of List C and communicated to the President no later than ................. The Consultation may subsequently invite such other Member States to participate in the Consultation as may facilitate its deliberations.

4. The Consultation shall submit a report on the results of its deliberations and any recommendations thereon to the forty-first session and, if required, subsequent sessions of the Governing Council, with a view to adopting such resolutions as may be appropriate.

5. The President is requested to keep the Executive Board informed of the progress of the deliberations of the Consultation.

6. The President and the staff are requested to provide such assistance to the Consultation as may be necessary for the effective and efficient discharge of its functions.
Tasks of the Chair of the Consultation

Under the authority of the Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources, the chair will:

(a) Work with the President and staff on the preparations for meetings or negotiations to ensure issues are presented effectively;

(b) Chair formal consultation meetings;

(c) With the support of the Secretariat, synthesize discussions and prepare the chair's summary of each meeting, concisely and accurately reflecting the status of negotiations;

(d) Ensure that the final report and recommendations of the Consultation respond to the terms of reference of the Consultation – as set forth in the present resolution;

(e) Provide guidance on all aspects of consultation meetings, discussions and deliberations;

(f) Critically review and comment on draft documentation and reports prepared for each Consultation, ensuring quality control and strategic coherence; and

(g) Lead and facilitate discussions and negotiations among the membership, as well as between IFAD’s leadership and the membership, to build consensus to achieve successful outcomes for the review of the adequacy of the resources of the Fund.