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Rome, 10-12 December 2019

For: Approval

Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to review the document contained in the annex, together with the draft resolution and approve their submission to the forty-third session of the Governing Council.

Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

1. Following the discussion of the Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD12) (EB 2019/127/R.41/Rev.1) at the 127th session of the Executive Board in September 2019, and approval of the draft resolution contained therein, this document is submitted to provide an update on: (i) proposed dates of the IFAD12 sessions; and (ii) the composition of the Consultation.
2. As noted at the September session, four substantive Consultation sessions are expected to suffice to conclude the IFAD12 negotiations. It was agreed that an alternative date would be explored for the second session, instead of the dates of 18-19 June originally proposed. Accordingly, and in consultation with the secretariats of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, the following dates are proposed:
 - (i) First session: Thursday and Friday, 13–14 February 2020
 - (ii) Second session: Tuesday and Wednesday, 16–17 June 2020
 - (iii) Third session: Monday and Tuesday, 19–20 October 2020
 - (iv) Fourth session: Thursday and Friday, 10–11 December 2020
3. The Executive Board is invited to note that Management is exploring the possibility of organizing sessions of the IFAD12 Consultation away from IFAD headquarters, hosted by IFAD Member States. The final location of each session will be subject to the authorization of the Consultation.
4. With regard to the composition of the IFAD12 Consultation, following the Executive Board session in September, further informal discussions were held between Management and Convenors to identify a proposal that would be acceptable to all Lists. Based on these discussions it is proposed that the IFAD12 Consultation be composed of: 25 Member States from List A, 10 Member States from List B and 22 Member States from List C. It is also proposed that List A Members not designated as one of the 25 Members of the Consultation from that List may attend as silent observers. While the draft resolution requests that the names of countries participating in the Consultation are communicated no later than 11 February 2020 (the day on which the Governing Council will be requested to approve the resolution), Lists are requested to convey this information to Management at the earliest opportunity to facilitate planning of the first session.
5. Accordingly, the annex provides an updated version of the document and draft resolution on the Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources for submission to the Governing Council in February 2020. Key changes with respect to the version provided in document EB 2019/127/R.41/Rev.1 are underlined for ease of reference.

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Governing Council — Forty-third Session
Rome, 11-12 February 2020

For: **Approval**

Recommendation for approval

The Governing Council is invited to consider and adopt the draft resolution contained in the attachment.

Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

1. Resolution 203/XLI on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD11) specifies that the period provided for the said Replenishment is the three-year period commencing on 1 January 2019 (paragraph 1).
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 IFAD11 period, the attached draft resolution to establish a Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources was considered by the Executive Board at its 127th session in September 2019 and its 128th session in December 2019; the Board recommended that the draft resolution be submitted to the Governing Council for consideration and adoption.
4. The Executive Board has selected a candidate for the External Chair of the Consultation for recommendation to the Governing Council. Based on the favourable experience of having an External Chair during the IFAD9, IFAD10 and IFAD11 Consultations, the Executive Board has recommended the selection of Mr Kyle Peters for this role for the IFAD12 Consultation.
5. This recommendation is the outcome of a transparent and competitive selection process approved by the Executive Board at its 126th session in May 2019.
6. A Committee composed of two members of Management and three Convenors was established to screen nominations and submit its assessment of the candidates to the IFAD President.
7. A call for nominations was published on the IFAD website from 6 to 31 May 2019, resulting in the receipt of two nominations. As one of the nominated candidates subsequently proved to be unavailable, the Committee agreed that Member States and Management would be given a further opportunity to submit nominations and a deadline of 24 July was set. This resulted in the receipt of two additional nominations. The Committee subsequently submitted its assessment of the three eligible candidates (one female, two male) to the IFAD President.
8. Taking into consideration the feedback of this Committee, the President selected the candidate to propose to the Executive Board for recommendation to the Governing Council.
9. The first session of the IFAD12 Consultation will be held at IFAD headquarters on 13 and 14 February 2020. At that session, Members of the Consultation will agree on the agenda and issues to be considered at each subsequent session. Management is also exploring the possibility of organizing some subsequent sessions away from IFAD headquarters, hosted by IFAD Member States. The final location for each session will be subject to the authorization of the Consultation.
10. With regard to the composition of the IFAD12 Consultation, the Executive Board, following informal discussions between Management and Convenors, agreed to propose that the IFAD12 Consultation be composed of: 25 Member States from List A, 10 Member States from List B and 22 Member States from List C. It is also

proposed that List A Members not designated as one of the 25 Members of the Consultation from that List may attend as silent observers.

11. In accordance with paragraph 6 of resolution 194/XL related to the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance, approved by the Governing Council at its fortieth session in 2017, the Governing Council decided: "To request an assessment by the Secretariat of the number of Board seats in light of any transfers that may have taken place and the evolving voting power of each List, which assessment should be provided to the Membership for review prior to the beginning of the IFAD12 replenishment consultations for further discussion at that time".
12. Accordingly, the Secretariat has conducted such assessment and noted that to date two Member States, Cyprus and Israel, have transferred from List C to List A. Such transfers resulted in a decrease in List C's voting power by 0.5 per cent and an increase in List A's voting power increased by the same percentage (0.25 per cent for each country). Specifically, considering the current status of voting rights, out of a total 5546.927 votes available, List C's voting power decreased by 27.324 votes, while List A's voting power increased by the same amount of votes.
13. The transfers have had no impact on the Board seats, which remain stable at 36 (18 members and 18 alternate members, as per article 6, section 5(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD). Cyprus and Israel have been included in the relevant constituencies within List A.

Draft resolution on the Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

Resolution .../

Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

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 203/XLI for the Eleventh Replenishment of the IFAD's resources will conclude on 31 December 2021;

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 Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources;

Noting the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Governance and its recommendations and the approval of such recommendations by the Governing Council at its fortieth session (resolution 194/XL);

Decides that:

1. A Consultation on the Twelfth 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 the favourable experience of having an External Chair during the IFAD9, IFAD10 and IFAD11 Consultations, the Governing Council selects Mr Kyle Peters as the External Chair of the Consultation. The tasks of the Chair are annexed to this resolution.
2. The first session of the Consultation shall be held on 13-14 February 2020.
3. The Consultation shall consist of 25 Member States from List A, 10 Member States from List B and 22 Member States from List C. The countries participating from each List should be determined by the Members of that List and communicated to the President no later than 11 February 2020. List A Members not designated as one of the 25 Members of the Consultation from that List shall be authorized to attend the sessions of the Consultation as silent observers. The Consultation may also subsequently invite such other Member States to participate in sessions of 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-fourth 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 Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, the Chair will:

- (i) Chair formal Consultation sessions;
- (ii) Oversee all aspects of the Consultation sessions, discussions and deliberations, providing guidance and support to the Secretariat;
- (iii) Critically review and comment on draft documentation and reports prepared for each Consultation, ensuring quality control and strategic coherence;
- (iv) With support from the Secretariat, synthesize discussions and prepare a summary of each session concisely and accurately, reflecting the status of negotiations;
- (v) Lead and facilitate discussions and negotiations among Member States, as well as between IFAD's leadership and Member States, to build consensus in order to achieve successful outcomes for reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's resources;
- (vi) Mobilize external support for IFAD, including at the political level, within Member States in collaboration with delegates and IFAD Management;
- (vii) Ensure that the final report and recommendations of the Consultation respond to the terms of reference of the Consultation and conform to the Agreement Establishing IFAD and other documents adopted by the Governing Council; and
- (viii) Work with the President and staff to prepare for sessions and negotiations in order to ensure that issues are presented effectively.