Provisional agenda – Virtual session

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Provisional agenda for the 129th session of the Executive Board – Virtual session

Information for Executive Board representatives

1. In line with the precautionary measures being taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 129th session of the Executive Board will be convened virtually. It will take place from Monday, 20 April to Wednesday, 22 April 2020 from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. each day.

2. In order to streamline the meeting, the agenda items have been organized into the following groups: I. items for consideration at the session; II. items for comments online; and III. items for approval through vote by correspondence.

3. For ease of reference, each agenda item is assigned a letter to indicate the action required of the Board, as follows:
   
   [A] = For approval; [R] = For review; [I] = For information; [C] = For confirmation

Documents for information

4. Documents for information may be viewed at the following link and will be discussed during the session only if deemed necessary by Management or at the request of Executive Board representatives. Such requests should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of IFAD no later than one week before the session.

Schedule for the session

5. The agenda item numbers do not necessarily reflect the order in which documents will be discussed. A schedule of work will be posted on the IFAD website and Member States Interactive Platform before the session showing the timing and order of discussion.

6. The schedule of work will include only items to be discussed during the Board session.
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I. Items for consideration at the session

1. Opening of the session and update on COVID-19

2. Adoption of the agenda (EB 2020/129/R.1/Rev.1) [A]

4. Corporate

   Policies and strategies


7. Operational matters

   (a) Framework for IFAD non-Sovereign Private Sector Operations and Establishment of a Private Sector Trust Fund (EB 2020/129/R.11 + Add.1) [A]

   (c) Project/programme and grant proposals for consideration by the Executive Board [A]

      (ii) Near East and North Africa

         (a) Syrian Arab Republic: Revitalization of Agricultural Livelihoods Programme (EB 2020/129/R.19 + Corr.1)

      (iii) Investment Proposal: The Agribusiness Capital Fund (EB 2020/129/R.20 + Add.1 + Add.2) [closed session]

8. Financial matters

   (a) Report of the Chairperson on the 156th Meeting of the Audit Committee (EB 2020/129/R.21) [R]

   (d) Capital Adequacy Report (EB 2020/129/R.24) [R]

   (e) Oral update on the credit rating exercise [R] [closed session]

   (g) Utilization of resources under the IFAD grants programme for the implementation of the Private Sector Engagement Strategy and other new initiatives (EB 2020/129/R.26 + Add.1) [A]

11. Other business

   (d) Oral update on the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources
II. **Items for comments online**

Representatives may submit their comments through the Member States Interactive Platform.

4. **Corporate**
   
   Policies and strategies
   
   (ii) Revised IFAD grants policy (EB 2020/129/R.4) [R]

5. **Enterprise risk management [R]**
   
   (a) Update on enterprise risk management (EB 2020/129/R.6)
   
   (b) IFAD’s Corporate Risk Dashboard (EB 2020/129/R.7)

6. **Evaluation**
   
   (a) Report of the Chairperson on the 108th Session of the Evaluation Committee (EB 2020/129/R.8) [I]
   
   (b) Country strategy and programme evaluations (CSPEs) [R]
   
   (i) Mexico (EB 2020/129/R.9)
   
   (ii) Sierra Leone (EB 2020/129/R.10)

7. **Operational matters**
   
   (b) Country strategic opportunities programmes (COSOPs) [R]
   
   (i) East and Southern Africa
   
   (a) Eritrea (EB 2020/129/R.12)
   
   (ii) Latin America and the Caribbean
   
   (a) Mexico (EB 2020/129/R.13 + Add.1)
   
   (iii) West and Central Africa
   
   (a) Sierra Leone (EB 2020/129/R.14 + Add.1)

8. **Financial matters**
   
   (c) Preliminary study on the feasibility of lending to sub-national entities (EB 2020/129/R.23 + Add.1) [R]

10. **Progress report**

    (a) Increasing Transparency for Greater Accountability Action Plan - Annual Progress Report for 2019 (EB 2020/129/R.30) [R]
III. Items for approval through vote by correspondence

For the following items, a motion for a vote by correspondence will be transmitted to each member embodying the proposed action with a request for each member to vote thereon, as established in Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedures of the Executive Board.¹

7. Operational matters
   (c) Project/programme and grant proposals for consideration by the Executive Board [A]
      (i) Asia and the Pacific
         (a) China - Yunnan Rural Revitalization Demonstration Project (EB 2020/129/R.16)
         (b) India - Bihar Aquaculture and Livestock Improvement Project (EB 2020/129/R.17)
         (c) Pakistan - Gwadar-Lasbela Livelihoods Support Project II (EB 2020/129/R.18)

8. Financial matters
   (b) Consolidated Financial Statements of IFAD as at 31 December 2019 (EB 2020/129/R.22 + Add.1 + Add.2) [A]
   (f) Requirements for the forty-first drawdown of Member States’ contributions in 2020 (EB 2020/129/R.25 + Add.1) [A]

9. Governance [A]
   (a) Attendance of Observers at Executive Board sessions during consideration of project, programme and grant proposals (EB 2020/129/R.27)
   (b) Dates for the 2021 country visit of the IFAD Executive Board (EB 2020/129/R.28)

11. Other business
   (c) Memorandum of understanding with the World Food Law Institute (EB 2020/129/R.33) [A]

IV. For information [I]

Additional information documents, including information provided under the fit-for-purpose approach, will be posted on the Member States Interactive Platform at the following link.

¹ Voting by Correspondence
Whenever an action must be taken by the Board that should not be postponed until its next session but does not warrant the calling of a session of the Board, the President shall transmit to each member and alternate, by any rapid means of communication, a motion embodying the proposed action with a request for each member to vote thereon. Votes shall be cast within such reasonable period as the President shall prescribe, at the expiration of which he shall record the results and notify all members and alternates. Members and alternate members may cast a “yes”, “no” or “abstain” vote by submitting a written reply by facsimile transmission, telex or letter. The absence of a written reply by the deadline prescribed by the President shall not indicate an abstention but rather the absence of the member from the voting procedure and, in the event of no reply from a member, the vote of the alternate member shall prevail. The vote shall be valid if replies are received from members having at least two-thirds of the total number of votes in the Executive Board.