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Draft Provisional Agenda for the Forty-fourth Session of the Governing Council

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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 forty-fourth 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 Forty-fourth Session of the Governing Council

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda (GC 44/L.1)
3. Application for non-original membership (TBC) (GC 44/L.2)
4. Statement of the President of IFAD
5. Report of the Emoluments Committee (GC 44/L.3)
6. Proposal for an automated voting system at IFAD (TBC) (GC 44/L.4)
7. Appointment of the President (GC 44/L.5)
8. Report on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (GC 44/L.6)
9. Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (GC 44/L.7)
10. Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2019 (GC 44/L.8)
11. IFAD's 2021 results-based programme of work and regular and capital budgets, the IOE results-based work programme and budget for 2021 and indicative plan for 2022-2023, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports (GC 44/L.9)
12. Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board (GC 44/L.10)
13. Amendments to IFAD's basic legal texts (TBC) (GC 44/L.11)
14. Other business

Annotations

1. **Opening of the session**
The forty-fourth session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 17 February and Thursday, 18 February 2021.
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.
3. **Application for non-original membership (TBC)**
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.
4. **Statement of the President of IFAD**
Gilbert F. Hounbo will make a statement to the Governing Council.
5. **Report of the Emoluments Committee**
At its forty-third session, the Governing Council adopted resolution 214/XLIII re-establishing a committee to review the overall emoluments and other conditions of employment of the President of IFAD, for presentation to the forty-fourth session of the Governing Council. Accordingly, this document will contain the recommendations of that committee, as endorsed by the Executive Board at its 131st session, for the consideration of the Governing Council.
6. **Proposal for an automated voting system at IFAD (TBC)**
In adopting resolution 215/XLIII, the Governing Council delegated authority to the Executive Board to decide whether the Secretariat should pursue the development and implementation of an automated voting system at IFAD for potential use in conjunction with the appointment of the President in 2021. Such decision would be taken on the basis of information to be provided by Management following a negotiated procedure for the proposal. The Governing Council will be informed of the outcome of this exercise and will be invited to consider recommendations as endorsed by the Executive Board.
7. **Appointment of the President**
In accordance with article 6, section 8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and section 6.2 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, the Governing Council is invited to consider the appointment of the President of IFAD. In this respect, this document will provide the Council with the nominations received by the Secretary of IFAD for the presidency of IFAD, the curricula vitae of the candidates, and their responses, if any, to the questions to which they have been invited to respond.
8. **Report on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**
A report on the status of the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources will be presented.
9. **Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**
This document will provide the Governing Council with the final Report of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD12). In addition, the document will contain the draft IFAD12 Resolution for adoption by the Governing Council.
10. **Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2019**
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

be invited to consider this document, which will contain the consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2019, the report of the external auditor thereon and the external auditor's independent attestation on the Management assertion report on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting. The Executive Board considered these documents and approved their submission to the Governing Council, for approval through vote by correspondence in April 2020.

11. **IFAD's 2021 results-based programme of work and regular and capital budgets, the IOE results-based work programme and budget for 2021 and indicative plan for 2022-2023, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports**
As recommended by the Executive Board, the budgets of IFAD and the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) for 2021 will be presented for approval by the Governing Council, together with a draft resolution thereon. This document will also report on IFAD's participation in the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative and on the implementation of IFAD's performance-based allocation system (PBAS) for the information of the Council.
12. **Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board**
The three-year term of office of the current membership of the Executive Board expires at the present Council session. In accordance with rule 40.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, "the President shall circulate a list indicating the number of members and alternate members of the Executive Board that must be elected or appointed from among the Members of the Fund". These elections shall be held in accordance with procedures specified by the respective part of schedule II to the Agreement Establishing IFAD. This information will be provided to the Governing Council in this document.
13. **Amendments to IFAD's basic legal texts (TBC)**
The Governing Council will be invited to approve amendments to the basic legal texts of IFAD to allow for the implementation of new policies, procedures and initiatives.
14. **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.