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## **Selection of the External Chair of the Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

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**For: Approval**

## **Recommendation for approval**

The Executive Board is invited to approve the process for selection of the External Chair of the Consultation for the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD13), including the criteria for the selection and the role of the Chair, as contained in parts III, IV and V of this document.

### **I. Introduction**

1. Article 4, section 3, of the Agreement Establishing IFAD requires the Governing Council to periodically review the adequacy of the resources available to IFAD in order to ensure continuity in the Fund's operations. In order to allow for the timely review of resource availability before expiration of IFAD12, this document is presented to the Executive Board to facilitate discussion and consensus on the process and criteria for selection of the Chair of the IFAD13 Consultation and on the role of the Chair.
2. With the agreement of the Executive Board, the selection of the Chair of the IFAD13 Consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the procedure outlined in this paper.
3. The draft resolution for the establishment of the IFAD13 Consultation, including the name of the individual proposed as Chair of the IFAD13 Consultation, will be submitted to the Executive Board for approval at its 136<sup>th</sup> session (September 2022) and will then go to the Governing Council for consideration at its forty-sixth session (February 2023).

### **II. Background**

4. As the IFAD13 Consultation will start in early 2023, the process of identifying and selecting an External Chair has to start early. Early appointment will enable the External Chair to consult in advance with Member States, help Management to develop an appropriate agenda for the Consultation and reflect on organizational matters to ensure that the entire process proceeds smoothly. The selected candidate will be engaged by IFAD immediately following the Board's approval, although the candidate's formal confirmation as Chair of the IFAD13 Consultation will remain subject to the approval of the Governing Council in 2023.
5. Given the limited time available and the need to organize a wide-ranging, structured consultation process with IFAD Member States about IFAD13 priorities, Management proposes the direct selection of Mr Kyle Peters as the External Chair for the IFAD13 discussions and negotiations.
6. Mr Peters successfully chaired the IFAD12 Consultations and enjoys the respect and trust of IFAD Management and Member States. He also successfully chaired the African Development Fund's midterm review of its 14<sup>th</sup> Replenishment (AfDF14) and negotiations for its 15<sup>th</sup> Replenishment (AfDF15), which increased by 32 per cent from the previous cycle.

### **III. Process for the selection of the External Chair of the IFAD13 Consultation**

7. Direct selection of the External Chair for the replenishment negotiations was also used successfully in 2016 to appoint Mr Johannes Linn as Chair of the IFAD11 Consultation (2017).
8. Mr Peters would provide IFAD and Member States with important elements of trust and continuity, building on the confidence placed in him as a result of his successful work in the IFAD12 process. This approach would also allow Mr Peters to

begin participating in 2022 in a planned strategic dialogue with Member States on the future of IFAD, moving towards the IFAD13 Consultation in 2023. This process will address critical issues raised by the Executive Board, Convenors and Friends during 2021 concerning the wider work, comparative advantage and future orientations of the organization.

9. A general call for expressions of interest geared towards encouraging a diversity of potential candidates for the role of External Chair may be used for IFAD14 and subsequent replenishments.

#### **IV. Selection criteria**

10. Mr Peters meets the selection criteria set by the Executive Board for the IFAD12 External Chair (see document EB 2019/126/R.32), including the following:
  - (i) Strong knowledge of multilateral development banks and their processes, including:
    - Knowledge of the replenishment process; and
    - Ability to understand the technical and development issues discussed during the meeting, including familiarity with development financing institutions' funding methodologies and capital markets.
  - (ii) Experience in chairing high-level international meetings, including the ability to:
    - Reconcile varying points of view on complex issues;
    - Assist in ensuring clarity in the discussion; and
    - Remain impartial.
  - (iii) Effective liaison skills;
  - (iv) Familiarity with IFAD and a strong belief in IFAD's mandate and the importance of agricultural development and rural poverty reduction.
  - (v) High level of personal integrity, and absence of any national or international mandate or commitments, or conflicts of interest, or capable of demonstrating that any ongoing commitment will not hinder in any way the fulfilment of the role of the Chair.

#### **V. Role of the Chair**

11. The responsibilities of the IFAD13 External Chair would be similar to those of previous IFAD replenishment Chairs. Under the authority of the IFAD13 Consultation, the Chair would:
  - (i) Chair formal Consultation meetings;
  - (ii) Oversee all aspects of the Consultation meetings, 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 meeting 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 meetings and negotiations in order to ensure that issues are presented effectively.