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1. Opening of the Session

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Financial Matters
   (a) Status of Contributions to the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources
   (b) Progress Report on the Diversification of IFAD’s Investment Portfolio
   (c) Status Report on Principal and Interest Payments
   (d) Programme of Work and Budget of IFAD for 1998
   (e) Report of the Audit Committee

4. Proposed Involvement of the Fund in the Debt Initiative for Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC DI): IFAD’s Operational Policy Framework

5. The Establishment of an IFAD Fund for Gaza and the West Bank


7. Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Debt Initiative (DI) Contributions

   Burkina Faso: Proposed IFAD Contribution to Burkina Faso for the Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative

8. Projects for the Consideration of the Board
   (a) Resources Available for Commitment to IFAD’s Regular Programme
   (b) Africa I:
      (i) Ghana: Root and Tuber Improvement Programme
      (ii) Senegal: Village Management and Development Project
(c) Africa II:

Angola: Northern Fishing Communities Development Programme

(d) Asia:

(i) Bangladesh: Agricultural Diversification and Intensification Project (Loan No. 443-BD) - Direct IFAD Supervision
(ii) Bangladesh: Third Rural Infrastructure Development Project
(iii) D.P.R. Korea: Crop and Livestock Rehabilitation Project
(iv) Indonesia: P4K - Phase III Pembinaan Peningkatan Pendapatan Petani Kecil - Phase III (Income-Generating Project for Marginal Farmers and Landless - Phase III)
(v) Laos: Northern Sayabouri Rural Development Project
(vi) Viet Nam: Ha Giang Development Project for Ethnic Minorities

(e) Latin America and the Caribbean:

(i) Ecuador: Indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian Peoples’ Development Project
(ii) El Salvador: Rural Development Project for the North-Eastern Region
(iii) Panama: Sustainable Rural Development Project in the Provinces of Coclé, Colón and Panama
(iv) Peru: Development of the Puno-Cusco Corridor Project

(f) Near East and North Africa:

(i) Armenia: North-West Agricultural Services Project
(ii) Jordan: National Programme for Rangeland Rehabilitation and Development - Phase I
(iii) Yemen: Raymah Area Development Project


(a) Technical Assistance Grants for Agricultural Research and Training by CGIAR-Supported International Centres

(b) Technical Assistance Grants for Agricultural Research and Training by Non-CGIAR-Supported International Centres and Organizations

(c) Technical Assistance Grant to the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA): Rural Microenterprise Support Programme in Latin America and the Caribbean Region

(d) Technical Assistance Grant to the Association for the Development of Environmental Information in the Congo Basin (ADEI): Regional Environmental Information Management Project for the Congo Basin (REIMP)


10. Planned Project Activities
11. IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents

12. Housing the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

13. Commemoration of the Twentieth Anniversary of IFAD

14. Other Business

   (a) Invitation of Observers to Sessions of the Governing Council
   (b) Revised Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-First Session of the Governing Council
   (c) Invitation of Observers to Sessions of the Executive Board
   (d) Report on IFAD’s Headquarters Building