



**IFAD**  
**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**Executive Board – Sixty-Eighth Session**  
Rome, 8-9 December 1999

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD  
SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

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.
2. The Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Third Session of the Governing Council, which was approved by the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Executive Board, has been amended in light of the deliberations of this Session of the Executive Board. Accordingly the Executive Board is invited to consider and approve the attached revised Provisional Agenda.



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**Governing Council - Twenty-Third Session**  
Rome, 16-17 February 2000

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council
4. Statement of the President of IFAD
5. Progress Report on the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
6. Partnerships for Eradicating Rural Poverty: Report of the Consultation to Review the Adequacy of the Resources Available to IFAD
7. General Statements
8. Proposed Budget of IFAD for 2000
9. Audited Financial Statements of IFAD as at 31 December 1998
10. Capital Expenditure Budget of IFAD
11. IFAD's Involvement in the Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative (HIPC DI) and its Enhancement
12. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
13. Election of Members and Alternate Members of the Executive Board
14. Progress Report and Forecast by the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty



15. Emoluments of the President
16. Report on the Status of the Headquarters Agreement
17. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents



## ANNOTATIONS

### 1. **Opening of the Session**

The Twenty-Third Session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 February, and Thursday, 17 February 2000, at the Auditorium della Tecnica, 65 Viale Tupini, Rome. The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 16 February 2000.

### 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 (GC 23/L.1).

### 3. **Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council**

The Governing Council is invited, in accordance with Rule 12 of its Rules of Procedure, to elect a Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen for the coming two years.

### 4. **Statement of the President of IFAD**

President Al-Sultan's statement to the Governing Council will review IFAD's operations during the course of 1999.

### 5. **Progress Report on the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

A report on the status of the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources will be presented in document GC 23/L.2.

### 6. **Partnerships for Eradicating Rural Poverty: Report of the Consultation to Review the Adequacy of the Resources Available to IFAD**

In accordance with Resolution 112/XXII adopted by the Governing Council at its Twenty-Second Session, the Consultation is required to submit a report on the results of its deliberations and any recommendations to the Twenty-Third Session of the Governing Council. The report, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented to the Governing Council in document GC 23/L.3.

### 7. **General Statements**

Governors are invited to make general statements under this agenda item and to comment on various other items on the agenda, as appropriate.

### 8. **Proposed Budget of IFAD for 2000**

The Budget of IFAD for 2000, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 23/L.4.

### 9. **Audited Financial Statements of IFAD as at 31 December 1998**

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 is invited to consider document GC 23/L.5 which contains the Audited Financial Statements of IFAD for 1998, together



with the report of the External Auditor thereon. The Sixty-Sixth Session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 1999 and recommended that they be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council.

**10. Capital Expenditure Budget of IFAD**

A Capital Expenditure Budget proposal to cover a major investment for a multi-year review and development of processes, and related corporate information systems is presently being considered within IFAD. Both the Process and Information Technology Support Programme and its budget proposal were reviewed by the Executive Board at its Sixty-Eighth Session. The Board's recommendation, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented to the Governing Council in document GC 23/L.6.

**11. IFAD's Involvement in the Heavily-Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative (HIPC DI) and its Enhancement**

At its Sixty-Fifth Session, the Executive Board was provided with a Report on the Implementation Status of the HIPC DI and the Financial Implications for IFAD. At its Sixty-Eighth Session it reviewed a further status report on IFAD's involvement in the debt initiative and information on its possible expansion as a result of the G-8 summit held in Cologne, Germany, 18-20 June 1999. The Executive Board's recommendations, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented to the Governing Council in document GC 23/L.7.

**12. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

The Twenty-First Session of the Governing Council of IFAD approved the selection of IFAD as the institution to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Document GC 23/L.8 will provide a progress report on the operations of the Global Mechanism in 1999.

**13. 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 ...". This information will be provided to the Governing Council in document GC 23/L.9. Rule 40.2 of the Rules of Procedure provides that: "During the course of the annual session the Governors shall meet in private to conduct such elections in accordance with procedures specified by the respective part of Schedule II to the Agreement ..." (reproduced as an Annex to document GC 23/L.9). Arrangements for such private meetings may be made through the Office of the Secretary of IFAD.

**14. Progress Report and Forecast by the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty**

Document GC 23/L.10 will provide the Governing Council with a progress report on the practical results achieved, since the Twenty-Second Session of the Governing Council, in improving the access of the poor to productive resources in the 24 countries and eight regions of current field activity of the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty.



**15. Emoluments of the President**

In accordance with Resolution 76/XVI adopted by the Governing Council at its Sixteenth Session, an Emoluments Committee was established to review the overall emoluments and other conditions of employment of the President of IFAD in relation to other heads of United Nations agencies and international financial institutions. At its Seventeenth Session in January 1994, the Governing Council adopted Resolution 82/XVII and decided, *inter alia*, that the Governing Council should re-examine the salary, allowances (including representation allowance) and other entitlements of the President of IFAD prior to the election of the successor to the incumbent President of IFAD. It also decided that the Secretariat should prepare a report examining a proposal that IFAD consider the purchase of accommodation for use by the President of IFAD during his term of office. At its Nineteenth Session, the Governing Council took note of an oral report on this matter and decided to defer consideration of a possible purchase of accommodation to a future date. A draft resolution to reactivate the Emoluments Committee to complete its review will be presented for the consideration of the Governing Council in document GC 23/L.11.

**16. Report on the Status of the Headquarters Agreement**

An oral report on this subject will be presented to the Twenty-Third Session of the Governing Council.

**17. Other Business**

Approval of Disclosure of Documents

A provision that the disclosure of documents for any particular session is the prerogative of the governing body concerned was included in the decision taken by the Twenty-First Session of the Governing Council with regard to the 18-month interim phase of an IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents. Accordingly, the Governing Council will be requested to approve that the documents submitted to and approved by the Twenty-Third Session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Internet.