



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE
TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

1. On 6 September 2001, President Båge wrote to all IFAD Governors soliciting ideas for making the next session of the Governing Council — his first as President of the Fund — more interactive, substantive and productive. To that end, the President proposed ‘Financing Development – the Rural Dimension’ as the overall theme of the Council. The replies received to date have been generally favourable and all endorsed the proposed theme.
2. The Executive Board is reminded that the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Governing Council in February 2002 will be held at a particularly important time in terms of world events, including the International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in Mexico in March 2002. That being the case, IFAD feels it would be particularly appropriate to focus on the target set forth in the United Nations Millennium Declaration “To halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world’s people whose income is less than one dollar a day”. As a result of that declaration, many multilateral institutions and donor countries now accord greater priority to reducing poverty. With its longstanding focus on rural poverty, IFAD is now faced with new opportunities — and a corresponding level of responsibility — for playing a stronger catalytic role in promoting poverty-alleviation efforts in the developing world and in helping to attain the Millennium goal, which will call for greater resources in terms of external development assistance and domestic investment, especially in the rural sector. In this regard, the proposed theme of the Council will have a strong link with discussions in other fora and may also contribute to their outcome.
3. It is proposed to hold an interactive policy discussion — guided by a panel of high-level development experts — in plenary session during the Governing Council. A number of persons have been invited to participate in the discussion, and the IFAD Secretariat will provide the Executive Board with further and more up-to-date information on this matter during the course of the Board session.



4. It is also proposed to hold, at one and the same time, six roundtable discussions on specific regions and topics, drawing on the regional assessments and strategies currently being developed by IFAD. These roundtable discussions would cover the following regions:

- (a) Asia and the Pacific;
- (b) Eastern and Southern Africa;
- (c) Latin America and the Caribbean;
- (d) Near East and North Africa;
- (e) Newly Independent States; and
- (f) West Africa.

5. Each roundtable would be chaired by a minister or senior representative from the region concerned; IFAD division directors and senior economists would assist the groups and introduce the relevant regional strategies. National delegations would be free to attend the roundtable discussions of their choice and, in order to maximize interaction, may even wish to have different members attend different discussion groups.

6. Annex I gives a draft timetable/format of the proposed schedule of work, which both encompasses the new ideas and allows sufficient time to handle essential Council issues. For ease of reference, attached, as Annex II, is the Draft Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Governing Council (document GC 25/L.1) that was approved by the Seventy-Third Session of the Executive Board. This document lists the traditional formal items that will need to be dealt with by the Council at the times foreseen in Annex I.

7. At the present time the proposal should be seen as 'work-in-progress'. However, once the views of the Board have been received the document will be revised accordingly and transmitted as a Governing Council document.



DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2002

Morning Session

10.00 – 13.00 hrs

(The President of the Italian Republic is expected to inaugurate the Council.)

The agenda items that may be covered during the morning are the opening of the session; adoption of the agenda; election of the new Bureau; and the statement of the President of IFAD. Time permitting, it may be possible to deal with the report on the Fifth Replenishment and the establishment of the Sixth Replenishment, the audited financial statements and the administrative budget for 2002.

Afternoon Session

14.30 – 16.30 hrs

Interactive dialogue on the theme of the Governing Council. The panel would be composed of the President of IFAD and the Chairman of the Governing Council, as well as two-to-three guest speakers and two-to-three heads of delegation who would each speak for no more than five minutes. That would be followed by a question-and-answer period.

16.00 – 18.45 hrs

Further agenda items (see Annex II), including general statements.

19.00 hrs

Reception

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2002

Morning Session

9.00 – 11.00 hrs

Six roundtables would be held simultaneously on specific regions and topics, based on regional assessments and strategies. The roundtables may be chaired by ministers or senior representatives from the regions involved and, if possible, include guests invited to the Council, heads of delegations and the IFAD staff concerned.

11.00 – 13.00 hrs

Continuation of agenda items, including general statements.

13:00 – 14.30 hrs

Lunch hosted by President Båge for heads of delegation

Afternoon Session

15.00 – 18.00 hrs

Conclusion of remaining agenda items, including general statements.

Closure of the Session

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DRAFT 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. General Statements
6. Report on the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
7. Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
8. Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2000
9. Proposed Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2002
10. Progress Report on the IFAD V: Plan of Action (2000-2002)
11. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme
12. Membership of the Executive Board
13. Progress Report on the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty
14. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
15. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents

Due to resource constraints and environmental concerns, IFAD documents are produced in limited quantities. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their documents to meetings and to limit requests for additional copies.



ANNOTATIONS

1. **Opening of the Session**

The Twenty-Fifth Session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 20 February and Thursday, 21 February 2002, at the Auditorium della Tecnica, 65 Viale Tupini, Rome. The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 20 February 2002.

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 25/L.1).

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

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

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

President Lennart Båge's statement to the Governing Council will review IFAD's operations during the course of 2001.

5. **General Statements**

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

6. **Report on the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

Document GC 25/L.2 will provide the Governing Council with the latest status of pledges made to the Fifth Replenishment and the status of its effectiveness.

7. **Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

Article 4.3 of the Agreement Establishing IFAD provides for the periodic review by the Governing Council of the adequacy of IFAD's resources in order to assure continuity in the Fund's operations. Document GC 25/L.3 will be presented to the Council to facilitate its consideration of the future resource requirements of the Fund.

8. **Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2000**

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 25/L.4, which contains the Audited Financial Statements of IFAD for 2000, together with the report of the External Auditor. The Seventy-Second Session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2001 and recommended that they be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council.



9. Proposed Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2002

The Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2002, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 25/L.5, together with a draft resolution.

10. Progress Report on the IFAD V: Plan of Action (2000-2002)

As stipulated in Partnerships for Eradicating Rural Poverty: Report of the Consultation to Review the Adequacy of the Resources Available to IFAD, document GC 25/L.6 will report on progress made in 2001 on the implementation of the IFAD V: Plan of Action (2000-2002).

11. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme

At its Twenty-Third Session, the Governing Council adopted Resolution 116/XXIII approving a capital budget proposal of USD 26 million for a Process Re-Engineering Programme, for the five-year period of financial years 2000-2005. Document GC 25/L.7 will provide the Governing Council with its second annual progress report on the programme, together with a draft resolution amending Resolution 116/XXIII with respect to the name of the programme and the amortization schedule referred to therein.

12. Membership of the Executive Board

In accordance with the decision of the Twenty-Third Session of the Governing Council regarding the election of the Members and Alternate Members of the Executive Board, the Governing Council is invited to endorse the exchange of seats within List C, Sub-List C2 countries, as presented in document GC 25/L.8.

13. Progress Report on the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty

Document GC 25/L.9 will provide a progress report on the results achieved since the Twenty-Fourth Session of the Governing Council in improving the access of the poor to productive resources in the countries and regions covered by current activities of the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty.

14. 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 in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Document GC 25/L.10 will provide a progress report on the operations of the Global Mechanism in 2001.

15. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents

The IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents contains a provision that the disclosure of documents for any particular session is the prerogative of the governing body concerned. Accordingly, the Governing Council is requested to approve that the documents submitted to and approved by the Twenty-Fifth Session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Fund's website.