



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council provides that the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall prepare a provisional agenda for each session of the Governing Council.
2. The Draft Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session of the Governing Council, which was dispatched, 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 Draft Provisional Agenda.



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Governing Council – Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session
Rome, 19-20 February 2003

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1. The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session of the Governing Council will mark the official opening of the one-year anniversary period. This anniversary year is an opportunity to communicate, to reflect on the Fund's achievements over the last quarter century and to advocate IFAD's mission – "Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome Their Poverty". It is also a time to look to the future and the challenge posed by the Millennium Development Goals "to halve, by the year 2015, the proportion of the world's people whose income is less than one dollar a day".
2. In this regard, the President of IFAD has proposed "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome Their Poverty" as the theme for an interactive panel discussion.
3. As may be seen from the Programme of Events, the panel discussion – guided by high-level experts – will be held in the plenary during the first day of the Session. On the second day, four round-table discussions on specific topics will be held simultaneously. National delegations are invited to attend the round-table discussions of their choice and, in order to maximize interaction, may even wish to have different members attend different discussion groups.



DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Application for Non-Original Membership
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 2001
9. Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2003
10. Election of Members and Alternate Members to the Executive Board
11. Report on the IFAD V: Plan of Action (2000-2002)
12. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
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

ANNOTATIONS

1. **Opening of the Session**

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 19 February and Thursday, 20 February 2003 at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazzale J.F. Kennedy, Rome (EUR). The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 19 February 2003.

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 26/L.1). Information on the programme of events scheduled during the Session is contained in the annex.

3. **Application for Non-Original Membership**

The Executive Board considered the application for Membership of IFAD by the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. The recommendation of the Board in this regard, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented in document GC 26/L.2.

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

President Lennart Båge's statement to the Governing Council will review IFAD's operations.

5. **General Statements**

Governors are invited to make general statements under this agenda item, taking into consideration the panel discussion's theme this year, and to comment on other items on the agenda, as appropriate.

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

A report on the status of the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources will be presented in document GC 26/L.3.

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

Document GC 26/L.4 will provide the Governing Council with the final report of the Consultation on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources. In addition, the document will contain a draft resolution on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources for the approval of the Governing Council.

8. **Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2001**

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 26/L.5, which contains the Audited Financial Statements of IFAD for 2001 and the report of the external auditor. The Seventy-Fifth Session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2002 and recommended that they be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council.



9. Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2003

The Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2003, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 26/L.6. At its Seventy-Seventh Session, the Executive Board reviewed a proposal on the Establishment of a Trust Fund for After-Service Medical Benefits. The Board's recommendation, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented to the Governing Council in document GC 26/L.7.

10. Election of Members and Alternate Members to 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 26/L.8. 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 attachment to document GC 26/L.8). Arrangements for such private meetings may be made through the Office of the Secretary of IFAD.

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

In accordance with the final report of the Consultation to Review the Adequacy of the Resources Available to IFAD, approved by the Governing Council in 2000, progress on the IFAD V: Plan of Action (2000-2002) should be reported annually to the Governing Council. Document GC 26/L.9 will provide the final report on the plan.

12. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change 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 a five-year period during the financial years 2000-2005. Document GC 26/L.10 will provide the Governing Council with the annual progress report on the programme.

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

Document GC 26/L.11 will provide the Governing Council with a progress report on the practical results achieved since the last session of the Governing Council in improving access of the poor to productive resources in the countries and regions where the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty is currently operational.

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 to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Document GC 26/L.12 will provide a progress report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2002.



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 Anniversary Session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Fund's website.



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2003

Morning Meeting 10.00-13.00 hours

10.00-13.00 hours **Inaugural Ceremony**

The President of the Italian Republic, His Excellency Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Kofi Annan, will jointly inaugurate the Session.

Commencement of Agenda Items as Indicated on the Provisional Agenda

Afternoon Meeting 14.30-18.30 hours

14.30-17.00 hours **Panel Discussion on the Theme: *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome Their Poverty***

The interactive panel discussion will provide an opportunity for dialogue on the theme and will include a question-and-answer period. The panel will be composed of high-level experts together with the President of IFAD and the Chairman of the Governing Council.

17.00-18.30 hours **Continuation of Agenda Items**

THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2003

Morning Meeting 09.30-13.00 hours

09.30-10.20 hours **Continuation of Agenda Items**

10.30-13.00 hours **Round-Table Discussions**

Four round tables will be held simultaneously on the following topics:

- Indigenous Peoples and Sustainable Development
- Market Linkages for the Rural Poor
- Transforming Rural Institutions in Order to Reach the Millennium Development Goals
- Women as Agents of Change

Afternoon Meeting 15.00-18.00 hours

15.00-18.00 hours **Conclusion of Remaining Agenda Items, Including General Statements
Closure of the Session**

