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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH
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. Accordingly, the Executive Board is invited to consider and approve the attached draft provisional agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Governing Council.
2. The Executive Board is also invited to note that the Governing Council will receive, together with the attached provisional agenda, a programme of events for the Council including a panel discussion and roundtable discussions.



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 Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
7. Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2002
8. Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2004
9. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
10. Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition
11. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
12. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents



ANNOTATIONS

1. **Opening of the Session**

The Twenty-Seventh Session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 18 February and Thursday, 19 February 2004 at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazzale J.F. Kennedy, Rome (EUR). The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 18 February 2004.

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. Information on the programme of events scheduled during the Session will be made available as an annex thereto.

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 will make a statement to the Governing Council.

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 Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

Document GC 27/L.2 will provide the latest status of pledges made to the Sixth Replenishment and the status of its effectiveness.

7. **Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2002**

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 27/L.3, which contains the Audited Financial Statements of IFAD for 2002 and the report of the external auditor. The Seventy-Eighth Session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2003 and recommended that they be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council.

8. **Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2004**

The Administrative Budget of IFAD for 2004, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 27/L.4, together with a draft resolution thereon.



9. 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 Process Re-Engineering Programme, for a five-year period during the financial years 2000-2005. Document GC 27/L.6 will present the annual progress report on the programme (now the Strategic Change Programme).

10. Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition

Document GC 27/L.7 will provide a report on the lessons learned by the International Land Coalition on ways and means to improve access by the poor to productive resources, in the countries and regions where the coalition is currently operational.

11. 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 27/L.8 will report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2003.

12. 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 the Twenty-Seventh Session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Fund's website.

