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**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Executive Board – Seventy-Ninth Session**

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION**



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## MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Seventy-Ninth Session of the Executive Board was held in Rome on 10-12 September 2003. A list of participants is attached as Annex I.
2. The Executive Board had before it the documents listed in Annex II.

### II. OPENING OF THE SESSION

3. The President of IFAD, Mr Lennart Båge, opened the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Executive Board in his capacity as chairperson.

### III. DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

#### A. Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda Item 2)

4. The Executive Board considered the Provisional Agenda (document EB 2003/79/R.1/Rev.2) and, upon concluding its discussion of this item, adopted the Agenda contained in document EB 2003/79/R.1/Rev.3. The Agenda is attached as Annex III.

#### B. Performance-Based Allocation System (Agenda Item 3)

5. The Executive Board considered the document on the Performance-Based Allocation System (PBAS) as well as the “Comments of List C Members on the Third Draft of the PBAS Document”, as set out in document EB 2003/79/C.R.P.2. The Board, in terms of the mandate and timetable given by the Governing Council, approved the PBAS as elaborated in document EB 2003/79/R.2/Rev.1 and amended in EB 2003/79/C.R.P.3 wherein, under paragraph 3, the Board also decided that should no agreement be reached by the December 2003 Executive Board Session on the relative weights of performance factors and the size of exponents, the President’s compromise proposal, as therein indicated, would be applied.

6. Executive Board Directors agreed that, in the course of the development of the operational guidelines for performance assessment, IFAD would review, within the proposed indicators, the descriptive text of guidelines for assessment of rural development-sector framework performance to ensure that those guidelines are consistent both with approved IFAD policies and with IFAD’s experience of the impact of different institutional and policy factors upon sustainable poverty reduction. A Panel of the Executive Board to be agreed with Convenors would work with IFAD in this task, and a report on progress would be provided to the Executive Board in December 2003 along with any possible recommendations for change. It was also recalled that the lending programme for 2004 and 2005 would be developed within the existing regional allocations. Close involvement of the Executive Board would continue until September 2004, when the Programme of Work and Administrative Budget for 2005 would be submitted to the Executive Board.

**C. IFAD Field Presence and In-Country Capacity (Agenda Item 4)**

7. After reviewing the documents on IFAD's Field Presence and In-Country Capacity (documents EB 2003/79/R.3 and EB 2003/79/C.R.P.1), the former document revised as EB 2003/79/R.3/Rev.1, the Executive Board authorized IFAD, supported by the Executive Board Working Group on Field Presence<sup>1</sup>, to:

- (a) Elaborate clear guidelines and criteria for selection of countries and instruments to enhance in-country presence and capacity under a three-year pilot programme and submit them to the Executive Board for consideration at its December 2003 Session.
- (b) Based on these guidelines and criteria, submit in December 2003 for Executive Board approval an implementation programme covering various types of instruments, including at least one (sub-)regional representative. The overall budget for a pilot programme of a maximum of 15 initiatives would be limited to USD 3 million.
- (c) Each pilot proposal will be time-bound (within the three-year programme life) and contain precise costs (direct and indirect) for its duration together with specific objectives, terms of reference for the scope of work, job descriptions and curricula for the recommended personnel. A description of the initiatives will be submitted to the Executive Board for information.
- (d) The proposals will take into account the preliminary results of the corporate evaluation of supervision arrangements, IFAD's commitments within the framework of the Rome Declaration on Harmonization, and, in due course, the outcome of the ongoing reform of the United Nations system.
- (e) The individual proposals will also contain evaluation criteria, and IFAD's independent Office of Evaluation (OE) will evaluate all pilots against these criteria during the third year of programme implementation.
- (f) At the end of three years and taking account of the OE evaluation, the Executive Board will decide whether to continue, expand, end or otherwise modify the Field Presence Programme.

**D. Report of the Evaluation Committee (Agenda Item 5)**

8. The newly elected chairperson of the Evaluation Committee, Mr Govindan Nair of India, presented the Report of the Evaluation Committee (document EB 2003/79/R.4/Rev.1). Due to time constraints, the Board did not have sufficient time to discuss the document. Therefore, while endorsing the Report, the Board invited further comments from Members, which would be considered by the Evaluation Committee at its next session and reported back to the Board at its Eightieth Session.

**E. Annual Report on the Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (Agenda Item 6)**

9. The Executive Board considered the first Annual Report on the Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) (document EB 2003/79/R.5), commending OE on the work done and providing valuable guidance for the production of future ARRIs. Management confirmed that it would provide the Board with an annual report on the status of adoption and implementation of evaluation recommendations and an annual report on the consolidated results of ongoing operations.

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<sup>1</sup> The Executive Board Working Group comprises representatives of Algeria, Belgium, Cameroon, Denmark, Indonesia, Pakistan, Panama, Switzerland and the United Kingdom (Chair).

**F. Independent External Evaluation of IFAD (Agenda Item 7)**

**(a) Status Report on the Progress of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) of IFAD**

10. The Executive Board noted the oral report on the progress of the Independent External Evaluation (IEE) of IFAD, as presented by the Director, OE, as well as the related documentation (document EB 2003/79/R.6) provided. The report described the work currently in progress and the expectations for the near future.

**(b) Resource Requirements for the Independent External Evaluation of IFAD**

11. The Executive Board reviewed the document on the Resource Requirements for the Independent External Evaluation of IFAD (document EB 2003/79/R.7) and approved the use of USD 1 702 030 as a one-time below-the-line cost in the 2003 IFAD Budget for the implementation of the IEE to be offset by voluntary contributions, as provided for in paragraph 12 of R.7. At the same time the Board emphasized the need to exercise all possible diligence in order to ensure the cost-effectiveness of the consultancy services that will be procured for the IEE.

**G. Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (Agenda Item 8)**

**(a) Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

12. The Executive Board considered the Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (document EB 2003/79/R.8), which presented information on pledges to the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources received as at 18 August 2003 and, based on these figures, provided details of the votes created under the Sixth Replenishment.

**(b) Status of Contributions to the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

13. The Executive Board reviewed the Status of Contributions to the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (document EB 2003/79/R.9 and its addendum). Directors noted that, as at 3 September 2003, aggregate pledges, including complementary contributions, amounted to USD 492.8 million equivalent, or 88% of the target of USD 560 million. In response to queries, Directors were informed that every effort was being made to reduce the current 12% gap between pledges received and the target amount. Further pledges were expected in the near future.

14. Instruments of contribution deposited and payments made against pledges not supported by instruments of contribution amounted to USD 159.8 million or 32.4% of total pledges as at 3 September 2003. Executive Directors were reminded that the Replenishment would only become effective once instruments of contribution had been deposited in an amount equivalent to at least 50% of total pledges. Member States that had not already deposited their instruments of contribution were urged to do so as soon as possible.

**H. Strategic Priorities and Programme of Work of IFAD and Its Independent Office of Evaluation for 2004 (Agenda Item 9)**

15. The Executive Board reviewed the document on the Strategic Priorities and Programme of Work of IFAD and Its Independent Office of Evaluation for 2004 (document EB 2003/79/R.10), which, following the format based on the process introduced last year, specifically linked resource allocations to the Fund's strategic priorities. The helpful suggestions provided by Executive Directors will greatly facilitate the formulation of the final proposals that will be submitted for consideration of the Board at its December 2003 Session. It was agreed that a seminar would be held before the December 2003 Session of the Board on the activity-based presentation of the programme of work and administrative budget.

16. The Board also discussed Part II of the document relating to the 2004 work programme and resource issues for OE. A comprehensive document on OE's 2004 work programme and budget would be prepared and discussed with the Evaluation Committee on 27 October 2003, and the final proposal would be presented to the December 2003 Session of the Executive Board.

**I. Financial Matters (Agenda Item 10)**

**(a) Status of Contributions to the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

17. The Executive Board considered the Status of Contributions to the Fifth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (document EB 2003/79/R.11 and its addendum) and noted that, as at 31 August 2003, instruments of contribution deposited, including payments in cash and promissory notes against pledges not supported by instruments of contribution, amounted to USD 394.9 million equivalent or 85.4% of total pledges. Payments in cash and promissory notes amounted to USD 317.4 million equivalent or 68.6% of pledges. A strong appeal was made to Member States that had not yet made their payments to the Fifth Replenishment to do so as soon as possible.

**(b) Report on IFAD's Investment Portfolio for the Second Quarter of 2003**

18. The Executive Board reviewed the report on the investment portfolio for the second quarter of 2003 (document EB 2003/79/R.12 and its addendum). Executive Directors noted that net investment income in the period January-August 2003 amounted to USD 46 million equivalent, which was broadly in line with the Fund's target income level.

**(c) Resources Available for Commitment**

19. The Executive Board reviewed the Resources Available for Commitment (document EB 2003/79/R.13 and its addendum) and approved the use of the Advance Commitment Authority (ACA) for an amount of up to USD 99.8 million. It noted that, taking account of net inflows expected up to the end of August 2003, total ACA use after the Session of the Board would be about USD 266.1 million. Executive Directors also welcomed the fact that the net use of additional ACA in 2003, on the basis of expected net inflows up to December 2003, was expected to be USD 67.3 million. This continued the trend of declining additional use of ACA compared to the USD 154 million required for ACA use in 2001 and the USD 124 million required in 2002.

**(d) Report of the Audit Committee**

20. The Executive Board endorsed the Report of the Audit Committee (document EB 2003/79/R.14), presented by the newly elected Chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr Alain Guillouët of France.

**J. Country Strategic Opportunities Papers (COSOPs) (Agenda Item 11)**

21. The Executive Board reviewed the following COSOPs:

(a) **Azerbaijan** (document EB 2003/79/R.15)

(b) **Burundi** (document EB 2003/79/R.16)

(c) **D.R. Congo** (document EB 2003/79/R.17)

(d) **The Gambia** (document EB 2003/79/R.18)

22. At the request of the Executive Director for Japan to correct a reference made to the Japanese Grant, the COSOP for The Gambia was duly revised (document EB 2003/79/R.18/Rev.1).



**K. Project/Programme Proposals for Consideration by the Executive Board  
(Agenda Item 12)**

**(a) Africa I**

*Burkina Faso: Community Investment Programme for Agricultural Fertility*

23. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.19 with its addendum and supplement, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to Burkina Faso in various currencies in an amount equivalent to eight million eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 8 800 000) to mature on or prior to 15 May 2043 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

**(b) Africa II**

*(i) Ethiopia: Pastoral Community Development Project*

24. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.20 with its addendum and supplement, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in various currencies in an amount equivalent to fourteen million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 14 400 000) to mature on or prior to 1 September 2043 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

*(ii) Kenya: President’s Memorandum: Mount Kenya East Pilot Project for Natural Resource Management (Loan No. 599-KE): Global Environment Facility (GEF): Supplementary Funding from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Approval to Conclude GEF Block B Project Document/Financing Agreement with UNEP*

25. The Executive Board considered the proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.35 and authorized the President to conclude the project document/financing agreement with the United Nations Environment Programme for the release of Block B grant funds to IFAD for the Mount Kenya East Pilot Project for Natural Resource Management in the Republic of Kenya.

*(iii) Malawi: President’s Memorandum: Revised Scope of the Rural Livelihoods Support Programme (Loan No. 565-MW)*

26. The Executive Board considered the proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.21 and approved the revised programme objectives, activities and cost tables indicated therein, resulting from a change in programme financing, and the extension of the period for signature of the loan for the Rural Livelihoods Support Programme to 31 December 2003.

*(iv) Rwanda: Rural Small and Microenterprise Promotion Project – Phase II*

27. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.22, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Rwandese Republic in various currencies in an amount equivalent to ten million six hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 10 650 000) to mature on or prior to 15 December 2043 and to bear a service charge of three fourths of one per cent (0.75%) per annum, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

(c) **Asia and the Pacific**

*Bhutan: President’s Memorandum: Report on the Conversion of the Second Eastern Zone Agricultural Programme from a Flexible Lending Mechanism (FLM) Operation to a Standard, Non-FLM Operation*

28. The Executive Board reviewed document EB 2003/79/R.23 and noted the conversion of the Second Eastern Zone Agricultural Programme in Bhutan to a standard non-FLM operation.

(d) **Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Guatemala: National Rural Development Programme – Phase I: The Western Region*

29. The Executive Board considered the programme proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.24 with its addendum and supplement, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Republic of Guatemala in various currencies in an amount equivalent to twenty-one million five hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 21 550 000) to mature on or prior to 15 August 2023 and to bear an interest rate of one half of the reference rate per annum as determined by the Fund annually, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

(e) **Near East and North Africa**

(i) *Morocco: Livestock and Rangelands Development Project in the Eastern Region – Phase II*

30. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.25, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Kingdom of Morocco in various currencies in an amount equivalent to four million five hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 4 550 000) to mature on or prior to 15 October 2023 and to bear an interest rate of one half of the reference interest rate per annum as determined by the Fund annually, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

(ii) *Turkey: Sivas-Erzincan Development Project*

31. The Executive Board considered the project proposal contained in document EB 2003/79/R.26 and its corrigendum, and adopted the following resolution:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund shall make a loan to the Republic of Turkey in various currencies in an amount equivalent to nine million two hundred and fifty thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 9 250 000) to mature on or prior to 1 December 2021 and to bear an interest rate equal to the reference interest rate per annum as determined by the Fund annually, and to be upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

**L. Grant Proposals for Consideration by the Executive Board (Agenda Item 13)**

32. The Executive Board considered the following grant proposals:

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

33. The Executive Board considered the grant proposals contained in document EB 2003/79/R.27 and agreed to support two agricultural research programmes to be implemented through CGIAR Centres by adopting the following resolutions:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Participatory Technology Development, Diffusion and Adoption of Cowpea for Poverty Reduction in West Africa – Phase II, shall make a grant not exceeding one million United States dollars (USD 1 000 000) to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Participatory Adaptive Research and Dissemination of Rice Technologies in West Africa – Phase II, shall make a grant not exceeding one million United States dollars (USD 1 000 000) to the West Africa Rice Development Association (WARDA) upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

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

34. The Executive Board considered the grant proposals contained in document EB 2003/79/R.28 and agreed to support four agricultural research programmes to be implemented by Non-CGIAR Centres by adopting the following resolutions:

“RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, Mainstreaming Gender in Poverty Reduction in Asia: Programme Support for Policy Analysis, Advocacy and Networking to Address Gender Inequalities and the Vulnerability of Women, shall make a grant not exceeding two hundred thousand United States dollars (USD 200 000) to the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), South Asia Regional Office, upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Expansion of the Farmers Field Schools Programme in Eastern and Southern Africa, shall make a grant not exceeding one million ninety thousand United States dollars (USD 1 090 000) to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Upscaling and Linking Organizations of the Poor: Learning from Experiences of Civil-Society Organizations and IFAD Projects in Asia, shall make a grant not exceeding four hundred and fifty thousand United States dollars (USD 450 000) to the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Fund, in order to finance, in part, the Programme to Develop a Knowledge Generation and Sharing Network in the Near East and North Africa (NENA) Region (Phase I), shall make a grant not exceeding one million United States dollars (USD 1 000 000) to the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), upon such terms and conditions as shall be substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions presented to the Executive Board in this Report and Recommendation of the President.”

**M. Planned Project Activities (Agenda Item 14)**

35. The Executive Board reviewed the Planned Project Activities 2003-2004 (document EB 2003/79/R.29 and its corrigendum) and approved the revised procedure under which detailed project descriptions, in the form of two-page information notes, will be posted on IFAD's public website in the four official languages in place of the former Annex A. This will ensure that relevant information is provided promptly and more efficiently in the future.

**N. Draft Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Governing Council (Agenda Item 15)**

36. The Executive Board approved the Draft Provisional Agenda, as contained in document EB 2003/79/R.32, for the forthcoming Twenty-Seventh Session of the Governing Council to be held 18-19 February 2004. It noted that the programme of events for the Council would be provided in due course and offered suggestions in this regard.

**O. Other Business (Agenda Item 16)**

**(a) IFAD Grants Policy**

37. The Executive Board welcomed the introduction provided on the IFAD Grants Policy (document EB 2003/79/R.30), which was to be reviewed at the informal seminar held the day after the Board Session.

**(b) Field Visits by Executive Board Directors**

38. The Executive Board endorsed the proposal to implement a programme of field visits by Executive Board Directors, as contained in document EB 2003/79/R.31, and authorized the financing of this programme from the Fund's annual administrative budget.

(c) **Proposal to Mainstream Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in the Programme of Work of IFAD**

39. The Executive Board endorsed the Proposal to Mainstream Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in the Programme of Work of IFAD, as contained in document EB 2003/79/R.33/Rev.1.

(d) **Accession of IFAD to the Strategic Partnership Agreement for UNCCD Implementation in the Central Asian Republics**

40. The Executive Board considered document EB 2003/79/R.34 and authorized the President to negotiate and finalize the legal documentation necessary for IFAD to become a partner of the Strategic Partnership Agreement along the lines of similar agreements already signed with other partners.

(e) **The Global Mechanism and the Sixth Session of the Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

41. The Executive Board welcomed the oral report on the Global Mechanism reflecting the outcome of the Sixth Conference of Parties.

(f) **Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)**

42. The Executive Board welcomed the report given by the Vice-President on the progress made and the key milestones reached in the Fund's Strategic Change Programme, as well as the information note provided in document EB 2003/79/R.36. It looked forward to the progress report to be submitted to the forthcoming Session of the Board in December 2003.

(g) **Approval of Disclosure of Documents**

43. The Executive Board approved the disclosure of the documents submitted at the Seventy-Ninth Session, and noted that the documents would be subsequently posted on IFAD's public website.



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