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**IFAD**  
**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**Executive Board – Eightieth Session**  
Rome, 17-18 December 2003

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**  
**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.
2. The Draft Provisional Agenda submitted to the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Executive Board has been amended in light of the deliberations of that Board Session. Accordingly, the Executive Board is invited to consider and approve the attached revised Draft Provisional Agenda and to note the Programme of Events for the Governing Council.



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**Governing Council – Twenty-Seventh Session**  
Rome, 18-19 February 2004

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1. In line with the format introduced in recent years, the proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh Session of the Governing Council will include an interactive panel discussion, which, as shown in the Programme of Events, will be held in the plenary on the first day of the Session. Given the increasing relevance of markets and trade for the rural poor and the opportunities and challenges the new trade environment potentially creates for them, the President has proposed as the theme of this discussion “Trade and Rural Development”.
2. On the second day of the Session, six round-table discussions on topics identified in consultation with the regions will be held simultaneously. Each round table will be chaired by a minister or senior representative from the region concerned; IFAD division directors, country programme managers and senior economists will assist the groups and introduce the relevant topic. National delegations are invited to attend the round-table discussions of their choice and, 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. 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 and its Office of Evaluation for 2004
9. Delegation of Authority to Establish Multi-Donor Trust Funds
10. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
11. Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition
12. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
13. 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 as is information on the programme of events scheduled during the Session.

### 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 and its Office of Evaluation for 2004**

The Administrative Budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation 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. Delegation of Authority to Establish Multi-Donor Trust Funds**

A proposal to delegate the Governing Council's authority to establish multi-donor trust funds to the Executive Board, as reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board at its Eightieth Session, will be presented in document GC 27/L.5, together with a draft resolution thereon.

**10. 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).

**11. 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.

**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 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.

**13. 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.



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2004

**Morning Meeting**                      **10.00-13.00 hours**

10.00-13.00 hours                      **Inaugural Ceremony**  
**Commencement of Agenda Items**

**Afternoon Meeting**                      **14.30-18.30 hours**

14.30-17.00 hours                      **Panel Discussion on the Theme of Trade and Rural Development**

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, 19 FEBRUARY 2004

**Morning Meeting**                      **09.30-13.00 hours**

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

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

Six round tables will be held simultaneously by the Fund's operational regions on the following topics:

- Asia and the Pacific: *Rural Enterprises and Poverty Reduction*
- Central Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States: *Expanding Access to Markets for the Rural Poor in Transitional Economies*
- Eastern and Southern Africa: *Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Development Arising from Budget Support Mechanisms and Sector-Wide Approaches*
- Latin America and the Caribbean: *Remittances and Rural Development in Latin America and the Caribbean*
- Near East and North Africa: *Managing Water Scarcity in the Near East and North Africa*
- Western and Central Africa: *Rural Finance in Western and Central Africa*

**Afternoon Meeting**                      **15.00-18.00 hours**

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