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**INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Executive Board – Eighty-Third Session**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS  
FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION  
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

1. Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council provides that the President shall prepare, for approval by the Executive Board, a provisional agenda for each session of the Governing Council.
2. The draft provisional agenda as amended at the Eighty-Second Session of the Executive Board is attached. The Executive Board is invited to note the outline of events foreseen for the Governing Council.



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

1. In line with the format introduced in recent years, the proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth Session of the Governing Council will include an interactive panel discussion as well as the traditional inaugural ceremony and review of agenda items. Given the increasing importance of rural investment and enabling policies for pro-poor growth as contributing factors in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, the President has proposed as the theme of the panel discussion: *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Rural Investment and Enabling Policy*.

2. In addition, three round-table discussions will be held simultaneously. The topics for these round tables are the following:

- Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Sharing Experiences between Asia and Western and Central Africa
- National Strategies for Rural Poverty Reduction: A Comparison of Experiences
- Visual Animation of Rural Development and the Millennium Development Goals

These topics have been chosen to support discussion of issues that can be further developed during the panel discussion.

3. National delegations are invited to attend the round-table discussions of their choice and, to maximize interaction, may wish to have different members attend different round tables.

## 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. Appointment of the President of IFAD
7. Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
8. Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
9. Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2003
10. Administrative Budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2005
11. Special Expenditure for IFAD's New Headquarters
12. Progress Report on the Implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System
13. Progress Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
14. Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition
15. Progress Report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
16. Other Business

Approval of Disclosure of Documents

## ANNOTATIONS

### 1. **Opening of the Session**

The Twenty-Eighth Session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 16 February and Thursday, 17 February 2005 at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazzale J. F. Kennedy, Rome (EUR). The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 16 February 2005.

### 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 28/L.1).

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

The Executive Board considered the application for Membership of IFAD by the Republic of Kiribati. The recommendation of the Board in this regard, together with a draft resolution thereon, will be presented in document GC 28/L.2.

### 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 theme of the panel discussion this year, and to comment on other items on the agenda, as appropriate.

### 6. **Appointment of the President of IFAD**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 8(a), of the *Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development* and Section 6.2 of the *By-Laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD*, the Governing Council will be invited to consider the appointment of the President of IFAD. In this respect, document GC 28/L.3 will provide the Council with the nominations received by the Secretary of IFAD for the presidency of IFAD and the curricula vitae of candidates.

### 7. **Report on the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

Document GC 28/L.4 will provide a report on the status of the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources.

### 8. **Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

Article 4.3 of the *Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural Development* 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 28/L.5 will be presented to the Council to facilitate its consideration of the Fund's future resource requirements.

### 9. **Audited Financial Statements of IFAD – 31 December 2003**

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 will be invited to consider document GC 28/L.6, which will contain the Audited Financial Statements of IFAD for 2003 and the

report of the external auditor. The Eighty-First Session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2004 and recommended that they be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council.

**10. Administrative Budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2005**

The Administrative Budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2005, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 28/L.7, together with a draft resolution thereon.

**11. Special Expenditure for IFAD's New Headquarters**

A special expenditure required for the new IFAD headquarters building, which was considered by the Executive Board and recommended for approval, will be presented in document GC 28/L.8, together with a draft resolution thereon.

**12. Progress Report on the Implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System**

Document GC 28/L.9 will provide the Council, for its information, a second progress report on the implementation of the performance-based allocation system for IFAD, approved by the Executive Board in September 2003.

**13. 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 28/L.10 will present the annual progress report on the programme (now the Strategic Change Programme).

**14. Report on the Lessons Learned by the International Land Coalition**

Document GC 28/L.11 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.

**15. 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 28/L.12 will report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2004.

**16. 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 will be requested to approve that the documents submitted to its Twenty-Eighth Session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Fund's website.

