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Executive Board – Eighty-Sixth Session

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR THE
TWENTY-NINTH 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 as approved at the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Executive Board is attached. The Executive Board is invited to note the outline of events foreseen for the Governing Council. Directors are further advised that in order to best accommodate the programme of events foreseen for the session, the dates of the Governing Council have been changed to Wednesday, 15 and Thursday, 16 February 2006.

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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-ninth session of the Governing Council will include an interactive panel discussion as well as the traditional inaugural ceremony and consideration of agenda items. As shown in the attached programme of events, the panel discussion will be held in plenary in the afternoon of the first day of the session. Given the acknowledged importance of finding innovative solutions to enable the rural poor to overcome poverty, the President has proposed as the theme of the panel discussion: *Innovation challenges: What's new for the rural poor?*

2. In the morning of the second day of the session, three simultaneous round-table discussions will be held, on the following topics:

- Adaptive research in support of pro-poor innovations in rural development: Successes from IFAD's grant programme
- Strengthening rural institutions for the poor
- Access to land for rural poverty reduction

These topics, which reflect major issues on IFAD's corporate agenda, have been chosen in order to further highlight the main theme of the Council.

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. 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. Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
8. Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2004
9. Administrative budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2006
10. Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board
11. Report and recommendation of the Executive Board on supervision
12. Progress report on implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System
13. Report on the Process Re-Engineering Programme (Strategic Change Programme)
14. Report on 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-ninth session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 15 February and Thursday, 16 February 2006 at the Palazzo dei Congressi, Piazzale J. F. Kennedy, Rome (EUR). The session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 15 February 2006.

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 29/L.1).

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**

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

A report on the status of the Sixth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources will be presented in document GC 29/L.2.

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

Document GC 29/L.3 will provide the Governing Council with the final report of the Consultation on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources. In addition, the document will contain a draft resolution on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources for approval by the Governing Council.

8. **Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2004**

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 29/L.4, which will contain the audited financial statements of IFAD for 2004 and the report of the external auditor. The eighty-fourth session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2005 and recommended that they be submitted for approval by the Governing Council.

9. Administrative budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2006

The administrative budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2006, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 29/L.5, together with a draft resolution thereon.

10. Election of members and alternate members of 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 29/L.6. 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 to the Agreement ..." (reproduced as an attachment to document GC 29/L.6). Arrangements for such private meetings may be made through the Office of the Secretary of IFAD.

11. Report and recommendation of the Executive Board on supervision

At its eighty-fifth session, in September 2005, the Executive Board considered the corporate-level evaluation on the Direct Supervision Pilot Programme and, based on discussions held, a report and recommendation of the Executive Board on supervision is contained in document GC 29/L.7, for the consideration of the Governing Council.

12. Progress report on implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System

Document GC 29/L.8 will provide the Council, for its information, a third progress report on the implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System for IFAD, approved by the Executive Board in September 2003.

13. 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 29/L.9 will present the report on the programme (now the Strategic Change Programme).

14. Report on lessons learned by the International Land Coalition

Document GC 29/L.10 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 approved the selection of IFAD to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Document GC 29/L.11 will report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2005.

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-ninth session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Fund's website.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2006

Morning meeting **10.00-13.00 hours**

10.00-13.00 hours **Inaugural ceremony**
Commencement of consideration of agenda items

Afternoon meeting **15.00-18.30 hours**

15.00-17.30 hours **Panel discussion**

Innovation challenges: What's new for the rural poor?

This 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.

17.30-18.30 hours **Continuation of consideration of agenda items**

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006

Morning meeting **09.30-13.00 hours**

09.30-12.00 hours **Round-table discussions**

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

- Adaptive research in support of pro-poor innovations in rural development: Successes from IFAD's grant programme
- Strengthening rural institutions for the poor
- Access to land for rural poverty reduction

12.00-13.00 hours **Continuation of consideration of agenda items**

Afternoon meeting **15.00-18.00 hours**

15.00-17.50 hours **Continuation of consideration of agenda items**

17.50-18.00 hours **Closure of the session**