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**FORWARD PROGRAMME OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE
2006 SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. During deliberations at its Eighty-Fifth Session in September 2005, the Executive Board endorsed the recommendation made in the Report of the Chairperson on the Fortieth Session of the Evaluation Committee (document EB 2005/85/R.8) that:

“... IFAD should develop, as soon as possible, an electronic ledger system to record all decisions taken by the Executive Board and monitor the required follow-up by management. Such a system should be made accessible to all Executive Board Directors; in addition, an updated report of Board decisions and their implementation status should be made available to the Board Directors.”

2. The Board was advised at that session that such information was available and that work was under way to develop a web-based system that would be accessible to all Executive Board Directors on IFAD's restricted website. Moreover, the Board would be kept informed of developments in this regard.

3. In the interim, and as proposed to the Board, an internal document will be used to ensure that commitments made to the Fund's governing bodies and follow-up requirements are met. This document, which is attached for the information of the Board, lists the agenda items foreseen for discussion in 2006.

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Subject	Background
Items for Consideration at the Eighty-Seventh Session of the Executive Board (April 2006)	
Appointment of members of the Audit Committee	The current members of the Audit Committee were appointed by the Executive Board for a period of three years, ending in April 2006 (document EB 2003/78/R.13).
Appointment of members of the Evaluation Committee	The term of office of the current members of the Evaluation Committee ends in April 2006 (document EB 2003/78/R.19).
Evaluation of the International Land Coalition	During discussions at the April 2005 session of the Executive Board on a proposed grant to the International Land Coalition, IFAD management made a commitment to undertake a full independent evaluation of the Land Coalition in keeping with the IFAD Policy for Grant Financing approved by the Board in 2003. IFAD intends to submit evaluation findings to the April 2006 session of the Executive Board. A report on the evaluation of the International Land Coalition providing evaluation objectives, processes and progress made to date has been submitted to the current Board session (document EB 2005/86/R.43).
IFAD's field presence and in-country capacity – annual progress report	The Report of the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Working Group of the Executive Board on Field Presence (document EB 2003/80/R.52), reviewed by the Board in December 2003, proposed that the Secretariat submit “brief annual progress reports to the Executive Board for information at each April meeting, starting in April 2005.”
IFAD Policy on Crisis Prevention and Recovery	Further to discussions at the September 2005 session on document EB 2005/85/R.4, and building on the constructive guidance provided by Directors, the finalized framework for the IFAD Policy on Crisis Prevention and Recovery will be submitted to the Board in April 2006 for approval.
Information on funding of the four post-tsunami projects approved in April 2005	In approving the four proposals, the Board noted that IFAD would make every effort to mobilize external funding for 50% of the financing not covered by the 2005 programme of work and that it would keep the Board informed accordingly. Furthermore, should there be any shortfall, the Board would be requested to approve funding from the programme of work for 2006.

¹ Additional items may be added to the forward programme as a result of the deliberations of the Eighty-Sixth Session of the Executive Board and the outcome of the Consultation on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources.

Subject	Background
Items for Consideration at the Eighty-Seventh Session of the Executive Board (April 2006) (continued)	
Performance-Based Allocation System (PBAS) – 2005 scores and country allocations	In considering the review of implementation of the PBAS in IFAD (document EB 2005/85/R.3) in September 2005, the Board requested that regional components in the formula be further analysed. The regional divisions are currently reviewing country-level performance results to update the country scores, based on the existing formula and methodology, as a basis for revising allocations for countries eligible for IFAD loans. As stated in the progress report on implementation of the PBAS (document EB 2005/86/R.41) submitted to the current session of the Executive Board, these allocations will be presented to the Board in April 2006.

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Items for Consideration at the Eighty-Eighth Session of the Executive Board in September 2006	
President's Report on the Status of Implementation of Evaluation Recommendations and Management Actions (PRISMA) – inclusive of comments from the Office of Evaluation (OE) – annual report	In accordance with IFAD's Evaluation Policy (document EB 2003/78/R.17/Rev.1) adopted in April 2003, "the President will provide the Board an annual report on the status of adoption and implementation of evaluation recommendations and OE will provide to the Board its independent comments on this report, including an inventory of recommendations not found feasible by the users, hence not implemented".
Review of implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System	In response to the request made by the Executive Board during its review of the implementation of the PBAS in September 2005 (document EB 2005/85/R.3), an analysis of the different parameters such as the use of different weights for formula components and investigation of the possibility of using other components such as per-capita income or rural income will be presented to the Board in September 2006.

Subject	Background
Items for Consideration at the Eighty-Ninth Session of the Executive Board (December 2006)	
Annual report on the results and impact of IFAD operations (OE)	<p>IFAD's Evaluation Policy (document EB 2003/78/R.17/Rev.1), adopted in April 2003, states: "Every year OE will also submit to the Executive Board an annual report on the results and impact of IFAD operations in its September session."</p> <p>(In its proposed work programme and budget for 2006, submitted for approval to the current session of the Board (document EB 2005/86/R.3), the Office of Evaluation proposes that this report be discussed both with the Evaluation Committee and with the Executive Board in December 2006.)</p>
Implementation of the Performance-Based Allocation System (paper to the Governing Council) – annual information	At the February 2004 session of the Governing Council, it was agreed that an information paper on the implementation of the PBAS would be provided to the Governing Council annually at the recommendation of the Executive Board.
Annual report on the Global Mechanism	In adopting Resolution 108/XXI ("The Housing of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification") in February 1998, the Governing Council requested that the President of IFAD "report periodically to the Executive Board on the administrative arrangements for the housing of the said Global Mechanism in IFAD and on such activities as IFAD may undertake in support of the Global Mechanism, while also keeping the Executive Board informed of the activities of the Global Mechanism."
Report on the special expenditure for IFAD's new headquarters	In adopting the recommendations on the special expenditure for IFAD's new headquarters (document EB 2004/82/R.34) in September 2004, the Board stipulated: "At the end of each year over the three-year period (2005-2007) reports of expenditure together with reports on Member State voluntary contributions will also be presented to the Board."

Subject	Background
Items for Consideration by the Executive Board in 2006 – Session to be determined	
IFAD's participation in the Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC)	In response to discussions at its September 2005 session, and in particular regarding the possibility of future increases in HIPC Debt Initiative costs for IFAD due to the extension of the "sunset clause" until December 2006 and the likely inclusion of additional countries over and above the current 38, the Board will be provided with details on the financial implications for IFAD and will be informed of the results of the Fund's efforts to access the World Bank-administered HIPC Trust Fund.
Review of level of the General Reserve (by the Audit Committee)	In the Audit Committee's report on its September 2004 meeting, it was recommended that the level of the General Reserve should be maintained at USD 95 million and reviewed again in 2006.