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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Debt sustainability framework
 - (a) Proposed arrangements for implementation of a debt sustainability framework at IFAD
 - (b) IFAD Policy for Grant Financing in relation to the debt sustainability framework
4. IFAD's Action Plan for Improving its Development Effectiveness
 - (a) Action Plan update
 - (b) IFAD Strategy for Knowledge Management
5. Evaluation
 - (a) Report of the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee on the field visit to Mali
 - (b) Report of the Chairperson on the forty-seventh session of the Evaluation Committee
6. IFAD's participation in the Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
7. Country strategic opportunities programme: Honduras
8. Resources available for commitment
9. Project/programme proposals for consideration by the Executive Board
 - (a) Western and Central Africa
 - Sierra Leone: Rural Finance and Community Improvement Programme
 - (b) Eastern and Southern Africa
 - (i) Burundi: Livestock Sector Rehabilitation Support Project
 - (ii) Comoros: National Programme for Sustainable Human Development
 - (iii) Ethiopia: Participatory Small-scale Irrigation Development Programme
 - (iv) Kenya: Smallholder Horticulture Marketing Programme
 - (c) Asia and the Pacific
 - Cambodia: Rural Livelihoods Improvement Project in Kratie, Preah Vihear and Ratanakiri
 - (d) Near East and North Africa
 - Syrian Arab Republic: North-eastern Region Rural Development Project
 - (e) President's memorandum: Modification of supervision arrangements
10. Grant proposals for consideration by the Executive Board
 - (a) Grants under the global/regional grants window to CGIAR-supported international centres
 - (b) Grants under the global/regional grants window to non-CGIAR-supported international centres
 - (c) Grant under the country-specific grants window to the Federation of Production Cooperatives for the Programme for the Development of Rural Finance Networks in the Republic of Paraguay

11. Planned project activities
12. Financial matters
 - (a) Report on the status of contributions to the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
 - (b) IFAD's investment portfolio
 - (i) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for 2006
 - (ii) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the first two months of 2007
 - (c) Status report on arrears in principal, interest and service charge payments
 - (d) Requirements for the twenty-eighth drawdown of Member States' contributions in 2007
 - (e) Report of the Audit Committee
 - (f) Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2006
13. Progress report on the IFAD Field Presence Pilot Programme
14. Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the corporate-level evaluation of the Direct Supervision Pilot Programme
15. Report on the implementation of the IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Activities and Operations
16. Progress report on cooperation agreements with Member Governments: The IFAD/Belgian Survival Fund Joint Programme
17. Other business
 - (a) Cooperation agreement between IFAD and the International Food Policy Research Institute
 - (b) Proposed IFAD engagement in the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund
 - (c) Cooperation among the three Rome-based agencies
 - (d) Ad hoc Committee of the Executive Board to review Member State's voting rights and the role, effectiveness and membership of the Executive Board