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1. At its ninetieth session, held in April 2007, the Executive Board authorized the President to negotiate and sign a cooperation agreement between IFAD and the International Food Policy Research Institute. The Board requested that the text of the agreement, as negotiated and signed, be submitted for information at a subsequent Board session.
2. The cooperation agreement was signed on 23 July 2007. Pursuant to the Board's request, a conformed copy is attached for information.

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

and

THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Dated 9 July 2007

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COOPERATION AGREEMENT dated 9 July 2007 between the INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IFPRI) and the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD).

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the broad understanding for cooperation between IFAD and IFPRI

ARTICLE I

Background and Purposes

SECTION 1.01. The following is the basis for cooperation between IFAD and IFPRI:

- (a) IFAD and IFPRI share a vision of a world free of poverty and hunger.
- (b) The cooperation between IFAD and IFPRI under this Agreement is on strategic policy issues related to agricultural and rural development for poverty reduction.
- (c) The two institutions share a long history of collaboration in research and development. IFPRI and IFAD agree to build on their history of working together, and agree to strengthen their cooperation. This will be complementary to a future partnership between IFAD and the CGIAR system as a whole.
- (d) IFAD and IFPRI aim to enhance their cooperation in strategic areas with minimal administrative burden.
- (e) IFPRI will assist IFAD to access policy-oriented research of relevance to IFAD and will provide original policy research identified in consultations with IFAD. In doing so, IFPRI will make an effort to include policy research to be undertaken in partnership with its sister Centers of the CGIAR Alliance.
- (f) IFAD will assist IFPRI to access program and project experiences and facilitate field research environments for relevant learning through applied research and feed back to implementing actors and partners.
- (g) The focus of the collaboration under this AOC will be on global and (sub)-regional policy issues, linked to mutual learning from local programs and projects and their scaling up.

ARTICLE II

Areas and themes of interest for cooperation

SECTION 2.01. The following research and development themes define the scope of cooperation by IFAD and IFPRI:

- (a) Policies for good governance and sustainable management of water, soil, and other natural resources for rural poverty reduction;
- (b) The role of public institutions; strengthening leadership in agriculture organizations; and cooperation with and building of farmers' organizations;
- (c) Supporting innovation and rural innovators, with a focus on enabling policies and institutions, and including experimentation with distance education in food and agriculture;
- (d) Linking small farmers, especially women farmers, and rural communities to markets and the role of market and trade policy, infrastructure and information for rural transformation;
- (e) Enhancing productivity of the smallholder farm sector for pro-poor development, with a focus on the role of science and technology policy and programs in this regard;
- (f) Challenges of access to rights and opportunities that face indigenous people in farming and policies and programs for participatory and integrative approaches;
- (g) Experimentation around projects (for instance in managing risks, scaling up of pro-poor rural investments and for rural social safety nets and nutrition) and innovation in project designs; and
- (h) Developing communication packages for the dissemination, adaptation, and implementation of innovative solutions to policy issues of operational relevance.

ARTICLE III

Management of the Collaboration and Work Plans

SECTION 3.01. A senior staff member of IFAD and one from IFPRI shall be identified as focal persons.

SECTION 3.02. Each focal point will link with their respective advisory bodies in IFAD and IFPRI.

SECTION 3.03. The operational framework for this collaboration will be designed during a start-up phase period (February-September 2007). The framework will detail mechanisms for the identification of research proposals and management of joint programs.

ARTICLE IV

Amendments

SECTION 4.01. This Agreement may be amended by consent of both parties.

SECTION 4.02. Amendments will be recorded by exchange of letters between the Parties. The Director General of IFPRI and the President of IFAD are authorized to execute amendments. Such letters, as and when exchanged and mutually agreed, will form part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

Dissemination of Research Materials

SECTION 5.01. *Dissemination of Research Materials* It is the intent of the parties that all studies, reports, data sets or other materials prepared jointly as a result of this Agreement shall be given the widest possible distribution. Plans for their publication and dissemination will be agreed on a project basis and stipulated in each Project Plan. IFAD and IFPRI shall have the right to publish and disseminate such materials in all languages.

ARTICLE VI

Duration and Termination

SECTION 6.01. The present Agreement signed in four originals in English, each with legal force and effect will come into effect on the date of the last signature.

SECTION 6.02. The term of this Agreement shall be 5 years from the effective date.

SECTION 6.03. This agreement can be terminated by one Party notifying the other of its intention to do so in writing at least ninety days in advance of the proposed date of termination.

SECTION 6.04. Such termination will not affect the completion of any specific project already approved and/or its execution.

SECTION 6.05. The present Agreement signed in four originals in English, each with legal force and effect shall enter into effect on the date **hereof**.

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Signed by: _____
(Lennart Båge)
President

INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY
RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Signed by: _____
(Mark Rosegrant)
Acting Director General

Dated: 23 July 2007