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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Programme of work, Programme Development Financing Facility and administrative and capital budgets of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2009
4. Proposal for a voluntary separation programme
5. Evaluation
 - (a) Reports of the Chairperson of the Evaluation Committee
 - (b) Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI)
6. Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness (RIDE)
7. Progress report and activity plan for IFAD's country presence
8. IFAD's participation in the Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
9. Country strategic opportunities programmes (COSOPs)
 - (a) Ethiopia
 - (b) Guatemala
 - (c) Guinea
 - (d) Indonesia
 - (e) Morocco
10. Resources available for commitment
11. Project/programme proposals for consideration by the Executive Board
 - (a) Western and Central Africa
 - (i) Democratic Republic of the Congo: Integrated Agricultural Rehabilitation Programme in Maniema Province
 - (ii) Ghana: Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme
 - (iii) Mauritania: Value Chains Development Programme for Poverty Reduction
 - (iv) Niger: Agricultural and Rural Rehabilitation and Development Initiative Project – Institutional Strengthening Component (ARRDI-ISC)
 - (b) Eastern and Southern Africa
 - (i) Kenya: Supplementary loan in support of the Southern Nyanza Community Development Project
 - (ii) Swaziland: Rural Finance and Enterprise Development Programme
 - (iii) United Republic of Tanzania: Supplementary loan in support of the Agricultural Sector Development Programme

- (c) Asia and the Pacific
 - (i) China: Dabieshan Area Poverty Reduction Programme
 - (ii) Lao People's Democratic Republic: Sustainable Natural Resource Management and Productivity Enhancement Project
 - (iii) Philippines: Rapid Food Production Enhancement Programme
 - (iv) Tajikistan: Khatlon Livelihoods Support Project
 - (v) Viet Nam: Pro-Poor Partnerships for Agroforestry Development Project
 - (d) Latin America and the Caribbean
 - (i) Belize: Rural Finance Programme
 - (ii) Bolivia: President's memorandum: Management of Natural Resources in the Chaco and High Valley Regions Project – Expansion of the project area and target group
 - (iii) Brazil: President's memorandum: North-East Rural Family Enterprise Development Support Project – Modifications to the loan agreement
 - (iv) Guatemala: Sustainable Rural Development Programme for the Northern Region
 - (v) Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): Orinoco Delta Warao Support Programme
 - (e) Near East and North Africa
 - (i) Bosnia and Herzegovina: Rural Livelihoods Development Project
 - (ii) The West Bank: President's memorandum – Report on the Participatory Natural Resource Management Programme financed from the IFAD Fund for Gaza and the West Bank
 - (iii) Yemen: President's memorandum – Pilot Community-Based Rural Infrastructure Project for Highland Areas – Modification to the financing agreement
12. Grant proposals for consideration by the Executive Board
- (a) Grant under the global/regional grants window to the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), for the Strategic Partnership to Develop Innovative Policies on Climate Change Mitigation and Market Access
 - (b) Grant under the global/regional grants window to a CGIAR-supported international centre, the International Water Management Institute, for the project for Improving Sustainability of Impacts of Agricultural Water Management Interventions in Challenging Contexts
 - (c) Grant under the global/regional grants window to the International Land Coalition for the programme Putting a Pro-Poor Land Agenda into Practice
 - (d) Grants under the global/regional grants window to non-CGIAR-supported international centres
 - (e) Grant under the country-specific grants window to the Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International for the Mainstreaming of Rural Development Innovations Programme in the Pacific – Phase II
13. Planned project activities

14. Report on the Consultation on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
15. Financial matters
 - (a) Status reports
 - (i) Report on the status of contributions to the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's resources
 - (ii) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the third quarter of 2008
 - (b) Report on the special expenditure for IFAD's new headquarters
 - (c) Reports of the Audit Committee
16. Revisions to the General Conditions for Agricultural Development Financing
17. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
18. Annual Report on Quality Assurance in IFAD's Projects and Programmes
19. Update on the Action Plan: Human resources reform
20. Report of the secretariat of the International Land Coalition
21. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
22. Thirty-second session of the Governing Council
 - (a) Draft provisional agenda and programme of events for the thirty-second session of the Governing Council
 - (b) Emoluments of the President
23. Other business
 - (a) Application for non-original membership
 - (b) Invitation of observers to sessions of the Governing Council
 - (c) Dates for the 2010 sessions of the Executive Board
 - (d) Information on Cuba