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IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents

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Recommendation for approval

The Executive Board is invited to approve the proposal included in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this document.

IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents

I. Background

1. In the report of the Consultation on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, a recommendation was made to amend the IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents, so that project/programme design documents could be disclosed prior to the Executive Board session during which the project/programme is to be considered.
2. Furthermore, for the sake of efficiency and cost neutrality, it was recommended that documents be made available on the IFAD website in their original language.

II. Recommendation

3. The Executive Board is invited to approve the amendment of the IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents, with immediate effect, to allow for public disclosure of project/programme design documents prior to the Executive Board session during which the project/programme is to be considered.
4. In accordance with document GC 24/INF.2 (see annex), the Governing Council will be informed of this update to the IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents.

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IFAD POLICY ON THE DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS

1. At its Twenty-First Session, the Governing Council approved an 18-month interim phase, from July 1998 to December 1999, during which governing body documents were made available on IFAD's website in the four official languages of the Fund.
2. The Governing Council requested the Executive Board to review the disclosure policy and procedures at its Sixty-Ninth Session in 2000 (subsequent to the end of the interim phase) and authorized it to adopt a final disclosure policy.
3. Accordingly, at its Sixty-Ninth Session in May 2000, the Executive Board reviewed the results obtained during the interim phase and approved the expansion of the interim scope of the disclosure policy to include all evaluation reports as well as documentation submitted to the Evaluation Committee.
4. The Executive Board welcomed management's intention to examine the possibility of disclosing other types of documents in the future, especially in the context of the knowledge management strategy currently being developed in IFAD.
5. The Governing Council will be kept duly informed of any further expansion of the disclosure policy.

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