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Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Governing Council

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Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Governing Council

1. Rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council provides that the President shall prepare, with the approval of the Executive Board, a provisional agenda for each session of the Governing Council. Accordingly, the Executive Board is invited to consider and approve the attached draft provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Governing Council.
2. The Executive Board is also invited to note that the Governing Council will receive, together with the attached provisional agenda, a programme of events for the Council.

Draft provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council
4. Statement of the President of IFAD
5. General statements
6. Report on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources
7. Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2008
8. IFAD's capital and administrative budgets and the budget of the Office of Evaluation for 2010
9. Revision of IFAD's Lending Policies and Criteria
10. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
11. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
12. Other business

Annotations

1. **Opening of the session**
The thirty-third session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 17 February and Thursday, 18 February 2010.
2. **Adoption of the agenda**
The provisional agenda, prepared by the President and approved by the Executive Board in accordance with rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, is contained in the present document (GC 33/L.1).
3. **Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council**
The Governing Council is invited to elect a chairperson and two vice-chairpersons for the coming two years, in accordance with rule 12 of its rules of procedure.
4. **Statement of the President of IFAD**
Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze will make a statement to the Governing Council.
5. **General statements**
Governors are invited to make general statements under this agenda item and to comment on other items on the agenda, as appropriate.
6. **Report on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources**
A report on the status of the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources will be presented in document GC 33/L.2.
7. **Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2008**
In accordance with regulation XII of the Financial Regulations of IFAD and section 9 of the By-Laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, the Governing Council will be invited to consider document GC 33/L.3, which will contain the audited financial statements of IFAD for 2008 and the report of the external auditor. The ninety-sixth session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2009 and recommended that they be submitted for approval by the Governing Council.
8. **IFAD's capital and administrative budgets and the budget of the Office of Evaluation for 2010**
The budgets of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2010, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 33/L.4, together with a draft resolution thereon.
9. **Revision of IFAD's Lending Policies and Criteria**
In accordance with resolution 154/XXXII on the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, the Executive Board shall submit to the thirty-third session of the Governing Council proposals for amendments to the Lending Policies and Criteria in order to further differentiate between various levels of concessionality of Fund financing and strengthen the partnership relations between the Fund and the Member States that use its resources. These proposals will be provided in document GC 33/L.5.
10. **Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system**
Document GC 33/L.6 will provide the Council, for its information, with the seventh progress report on the implementation of the performance-based allocation system for IFAD, approved by the Executive Board in September 2003.

11. **Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification**

The twenty-first session of the Governing Council of IFAD approved the selection of IFAD to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Document GC 33/L.7 will report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2009.

12. **Other business**

Under this item, the Governing Council will consider any additional matters not included in the provisional agenda that may be proposed by members of the Council and/or the Secretariat.

