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Enabling poor rural people  
to overcome poverty

## **Agenda**

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As communicated to the Executive Board at its ninety-sixth session, the Chairperson of the Board – the President of IFAD – has proposed the implementation of a number of measures to enhance the effectiveness of the Executive Board.

Among these is the proposal that items presented for information will be discussed during a Board session only at the specific request of a Board member. Such requests should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of IFAD three weeks before the Board session.

The schedule of work will include only items to be discussed during the Board session (i.e. items for approval or review and items for information for which a written request for discussion at the Board has been received) and will be posted on the IFAD website two weeks before the session.

For ease of reference, each agenda item is assigned a letter to indicate the action required of the Board, as follows:

A = For approval

I = For information

R = For review

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“...The four-week dispatch limit with respect to documents presented for and requiring action by the Executive Board at a session shall not be exceeded. However, if necessary, information relating to matters that do not require decisions by the Board, or additional information regarding projects, may be provided subsequently. ”



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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda **[A]**
3. Oral presentation on the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP15): What are the implications for IFAD's rural poverty reduction mission? **[I]**
4. IFAD's 2010 results-based programme of work and administrative and capital budgets, and the Office of Evaluation's three-year (2010-2012) rolling work programme and 2010 resource issues **[A]**
5. Evaluation
  - (a) Reports of the chairperson of the Evaluation Committee
    - (i) Report of the chairperson on the fifty-ninth session of the Evaluation Committee **[R]**
    - (ii) Report of the chairperson on the sixtieth session of the Evaluation Committee **[R]**
    - (iii) Report of the Evaluation Committee Chairperson on the country visit to India **[I]**
  - (b) Annual Report on Results and Impact of IFAD Operations (ARRI) **[R]**
  - (c) Joint Evaluation of the Agriculture and Rural Development Policies and Operations in Africa of the African Development Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development **[R]**
6. Revised IFAD Policy for Grant Financing **[A]**
7. Report on IFAD's Development Effectiveness **[R]**
8. Progress report and activity plan for IFAD's country presence **[A]**
9. Review of IFAD's project procurement guidelines and their implementation **[R]**
10. IFAD Lending Policies and Criteria
  - (a) Revision of the Lending Policies and Criteria **[A]**
  - (b) IFAD's lending terms and conditions: Interest rate for the year 2010 for loans on ordinary and intermediate terms **[I]**
11. Proposal to streamline the Executive Board approval process for IFAD-funded projects and programmes **[A]**
12. Guidelines for dealing with *De Facto* Governments **[A]**
13. IFAD's participation in the Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries **[A]**
14. Human resource matters
  - (a) Progress report on human resources reform – A people strategy for IFAD **[I]**
  - (b) Report on the implementation of the Enhanced Associate Professional Officer Programme (EAPOP) **[I]**
15. Country strategic opportunities programmes **[R]**
  - (a) Congo
  - (b) Malawi

- (c) Syrian Arab Republic
- 16. Resources available for commitment **[A]**
- 17. Project/programme proposals for consideration by the Executive Board **[A]**
  - (a) Western and Central Africa
    - (i) Côte d'Ivoire: Agricultural Rehabilitation and Poverty Reduction Project
    - (ii) Gambia (The): Livestock and Horticulture Development Project
    - (iii) Liberia: Agriculture Sector Rehabilitation Project
    - (iv) Nigeria: President's memorandum: Rural Microenterprise Development Programme – Time limit for signature of the financing agreement
  - (b) Eastern and Southern Africa
    - (i) Eritrea: President's memorandum: Post-crisis Rural Recovery and Development Programme – Supplementary grant and modifications to the financing agreement
    - (ii) Rwanda: President's memorandum: Support Project for the Strategic Plan for the Transformation of Agriculture – Supplementary grant
    - (iii) Rwanda: President's memorandum: Kirehe Community-based Watershed Management Project – Supplementary grant
  - (c) Asia and the Pacific
    - (i) Cambodia: Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction and Smallholder Development Project
    - (ii) India: North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project II – Supplementary loan
    - (iii) Kyrgyzstan: Forestry and Carbon Trading Project under the Tien Shan Ecosystem Development Project
    - (iv) Nepal: High-Value Agriculture Project in Hill and Mountain Areas
    - (v) Sri Lanka: National Agribusiness Development Programme
  - (d) Latin America and the Caribbean
    - (i) Brazil: Cariri and Seridó Sustainable Development Project (PROCASE)
    - (ii) Ecuador: President's memorandum: Ibarra-San Lorenzo Development Project – Supplementary loan
    - (iii) Peru: Market Strengthening and Livelihood Diversification in the Southern Highlands Project – Supplementary loan and grant
    - (iv) Plurinational State of Bolivia: Plan VIDA-PEEP to eradicate extreme poverty – Phase I: Pilot Project to Strengthen the Capacity of Communities and Families Living in Extreme Poverty in Cochabamba and Potosí
  - (e) Near East and North Africa
    - (i) Egypt: On-farm Irrigation Development Project in the Oldlands
    - (ii) Georgia: Agricultural Support Project
    - (iii) Sudan: Rural Access Project

- (iv) Turkey: Ardahan-Kars-Artvin Development Project
  - (v) Yemen: President's memorandum: Dhamar Participatory Rural Development Project – Modification to the loan agreement – Supplementary grant
  - (f) Update on IFAD's actions in response to the global food security crisis **[I]**
18. Grant proposals for consideration by the Executive Board **[A]**
- (a) Grant under the global/regional grants window to a CGIAR-supported international centre
  - (b) Grants under the global/regional grants window to non-CGIAR-supported international centres
  - (c) Grant under the global/regional grants window to the International Land Coalition for Advancing the International Land Coalition's Strategic Framework: Putting a Pro-Poor Land Agenda into Practice at the national, regional and global levels
  - (d) Grant under the country-specific grants window to Africare for the Smallholder Agriculture Support Project in Zimbabwe
19. Planned project activities **[I]**
20. Financial matters
- (a) Status reports **[I]**
    - (i) Report on the status of contributions to the Eighth Replenishment of IFAD's resources
    - (ii) Report on the status of contributions to the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's resources
    - (iii) Report on IFAD's investment portfolio for the third quarter of 2009
  - (b) Status of the negotiations of arrears of the Republic of Cuba **[I]**
  - (c) Report of the 109<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Audit Committee **[R]**
21. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system **[A]**
22. Annual Report on Quality Assurance in IFAD's Projects and Programmes **[I]**
23. Programme of events for the thirty-third session of the Governing Council **[I]**
24. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification **[A]**
25. Other business
- (a) Proposed dates for the sessions of the Executive Board in 2010-2011 **[A]**
  - (b) Committee on World Food Security
  - (c) Delivering the IFAD VIII Agenda, Re-Configuration of IFAD Senior Management (Responsibilities and Reporting Arrangements)