



IFAD
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GENERAL STATEMENTS

Information for Delegates

INTRODUCTION

1. The Provisional Agenda for the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Session of the Governing Council, as contained in document GC 26/L.1, provides for General Statements to be made by Governors under Agenda Item 5. Traditionally, Governors have been given the choice of either delivering their statement during the plenary or submitting their written statement, without delivery, for inclusion in the final Governing Council Report. In both cases statements can be posted on IFAD's website.
2. At the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Governing Council in February 2002, IFAD introduced as a third alternative the possibility of webcasting statements. During the forthcoming Session this alternative will once again be made available to delegates. Those Governors wishing to do so may deliver their statements live on the Internet, i.e., webcast on IFAD's website at the time of delivery. The advantages of this are at least twofold: (i) Delegates will be able to be seen in their countries; and (ii) they will be able to take with them a video recording for future use.
3. As indicated in the programme of events of the Session (also in document GC 26/L.1), there will be an interactive panel discussion on the theme: *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome Their Poverty* during the plenary of the first day (from 14.30-17.00 hours). In addition, four round tables on the topics indicated in the programme of events are scheduled on the second day (from 10.30-13.00 hours). The Secretariat estimates that the plenary will therefore be able to accommodate only *half* the number of general statements normally delivered.
4. The Fund fully recognizes the importance of the statements made by its Governors and wishes to be able to accommodate all those wanting to deliver a statement. Governors are therefore strongly urged to consider the option of having their statement webcast on the Internet in lieu of delivery to the plenary.



5. To facilitate this choice, the following sections explain the specific procedures for and aspects of the three modalities for recording general statements.

WEBCAST STATEMENTS

6. Heads of delegations wishing to have their statement aired live on the Internet, in both video and audio formats, are requested to notify the Secretary of IFAD of their intention to do so by Friday, 7 February 2003, at the latest, either via facsimile transmission (+39-06-5043463) or via e-mail (ifad@ifad.org). It is important that their response specifically indicate the “webcasting” of their statement. A list of speakers for webcasting will be published and made available at the start of the Session.

7. Governors or their representatives will be accompanied from the plenary to the room where webcasting of statements will take place. They will be provided assistance on the procedure to be followed.

8. Statements should be kept to a maximum of five minutes. Delegates should also provide the Secretariat (List of Speakers Office) with an electronic version (diskette) of their speech in the language in which it will be delivered.

9. The statement will be broadcast, on Internet, in the language of delivery and the version provided will be posted on both IFAD’s Intranet and on the Internet after delivery.

10. Statements that are webcast will be recorded in the Governing Council Report in summarized form.

STATEMENTS DELIVERED DURING PLENARY MEETINGS

11. As already advised in GC 26/INF.1, heads of delegations wishing to make a general statement during the plenary meetings must notify the Secretary of IFAD of their intention to do so by Friday, 7 February 2003. A list of the order of speakers, based on the order of receipt of requests, will be published and made available at the start of the Session.

12. Statements are limited to a maximum of five minutes. Delegates should provide the Secretariat (List of Speakers Office) with their statement in electronic form (diskette). Should this not be possible, a hard copy of the statement should be provided as early as possible prior to the delivery of the speech.

13. Delivered speeches will be posted on both IFAD’s Intranet and on the Internet, unless otherwise advised by the delegations concerned.

14. Statements that are delivered during the plenary meetings will be recorded in the Governing Council Report in summarized form.



UNDELIVERED STATEMENTS

15. Governors may also choose an option whereby their statements will be reproduced in their entirety in the Governing Council Report if they chose neither of the first two options.
16. In such cases delegates should submit the full text of their statement directly to the List of Speakers Office. Should they so wish, Governors may have their statements posted on IFAD's Intranet and on the Internet.

LIST OF SPEAKERS OFFICE

17. The List of Speakers Office, as part of the Secretariat of the Session, is responsible for all statements made or submitted by delegations. The office will compile the order of speakers delivering statements during plenary meetings and for webcasting as well as assist speakers at the point of delivery. Any queries regarding the order of speakers should be made directly to the manager of the office. The staff of this office will request speakers' approval to have their statements posted on IFAD's Intranet and on the Internet after delivery.
18. The office will also assist delegates who wish to have their statements webcast, conducting them to the area designated for the broadcast and advising them on the procedure to be followed.
19. The office will receive and keep a record of all statements provided.
20. Delegates will be informed of the location of the List of Speakers Office upon registration.