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# Provisional agenda and programme of events

Governing Council — Thirtieth Session Rome, 14-15 February 2007

For: **Approval** 

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# **Provisional agenda**

- 1. The present document contains the provisional agenda as approved by IFAD's Executive Board. Annotations are also attached.
- 2. In line with the format introduced in recent years, a theme for the thirtieth session of the Governing Council has been identified: "Rural employment and livelihoods". The President has proposed that this theme be explored in three simultaneous round-table discussions to be held on the afternoon of the first day. Full details will be forwarded shortly.
- 3. National delegations are invited to attend the round-table discussions of their choice and, in order to maximize interaction, may wish to have different members attend different round tables.

# **Provisional agenda**

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- 7. Administrative budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2007
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- 9. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system
- 10. Report on lessons learned by the International Land Coalition
- 11. Progress report on the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
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#### **Annotations**

#### 1. **Opening of the session**

The thirtieth session of the Governing Council will convene on Wednesday, 14 February, and Thursday, 15 February 2007, at the Palazzo dei Congressi in Rome (EUR). The session will be opened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 14 February.

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda, prepared by the President of IFAD 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 30/L.1).

### 3. Statement by the President of IFAD

Mr Lennart Båge will make a statement to the Governing Council.

#### 4. General statements

Governors are invited to make general statements under this agenda item and to comment on other items on the agenda, as appropriate.

## 5. Report on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's resources

A report on the status of the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's resources will be presented in document GC 30/L.2.

# 6. Audited financial statements of IFAD for 2005

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 30/L.3, containing the audited financial statements of IFAD for 2005 and the report of the external auditor. The eighty-seventh session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 2006 and recommended that they be submitted for approval by the Governing Council.

7. Administrative budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2007
The administrative budget of IFAD and its Office of Evaluation for 2007, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 30/L.4, together with a draft resolution thereon.

#### 8. Membership of the Executive Board

In accordance with rule 40.2 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the Governing Council elected, on 16 February 2006, new members and alternate members from Lists A and C to the Executive Board for terms of office of three years. Within List B countries, members and alternate members were elected for a one-year period and the Council agreed that the confirmation of this composition, or any changes to it, for the second and third year of the term would be submitted to the relevant session of the Governing Council for formal election. In accordance with rule 40.1 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, "the President shall circulate a list indicating the number of members and alternate members of the Executive Board that must be elected or appointed from among the Members of the Fund". This information will be provided to the Governing Council in document GC 30/L.5.

# 9. Progress report on implementation of the performance-based allocation system

Document GC 30/L.6 will provide the Council, for its information, with a fourth progress report on the implementation of the performance-based allocation system for IFAD, approved by the Executive Board in September 2003.

10. **Report on lessons learned by the International Land Coalition**Document GC 30/L.7 will provide a report on the lessons learned by the
International Land Coalition on ways and means to improve access by the
poor to productive resources in the countries and regions where the Coalition
is currently operational.

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

The twenty-first session of the Governing Council approved the selection of IFAD to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. Document GC 30/L.8 will report on the operations of the Global Mechanism during 2006.

#### 12. Other business

#### **Approval of disclosure of documents**

The current IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents contains a provision that the disclosure of documents for any particular session is the prerogative of the governing body concerned. Revisions to this policy, including a proposal that documents be disclosed to the public upon presentation to the Fund's governing bodies, will be submitted to the eighty-ninth session of the Executive Board for approval. If this policy is adopted, formal approval will not be required to publicly disclose the documents submitted to the Governing Council's thirtieth session.

# **Provisional programme of events**

# Wednesday, 14 February 2007

Morning meeting 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Inaugural ceremony

Commencement of consideration of agenda items

Afternoon meeting 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Round-table discussions

Three round tables will be held simultaneously on the

following topics:

• Rural employment promotion through the value

chain approach

• Generating remunerative livelihood opportunities

for rural youth

• Migration and rural employment

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Continuation of consideration of agenda items

## Thursday, 15 February 2007

Morning meeting 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Continuation of consideration of agenda items

Afternoon meeting 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

3 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. Continuation of consideration of agenda items

5.50 p.m. to 6 p.m. Closure of the session