Provisional Agenda

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1. The present document contains the provisional agenda as approved by IFAD’s Executive Board. Annotations are also attached.

2. Further information on the draft programme of events for the Governing Council will be provided at a later stage.
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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda (GC 43/L.1)
3. Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council
4. Statement of the President of IFAD
5. Update on conversations with IFAD's Governors at the forty-second session of the Governing Council (GC 43/L.2)
7. Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources (GC 43/L.4)
8. Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2018 (GC 43/L.5)
9. IFAD's 2020 results-based programme of work and regular and capital budgets, the IOE results-based work programme and budget for 2020 and indicative plan for 2021-2022, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports (GC 43/L.6)
10. Establishment of the Emoluments Committee (GC 43/L.7)
11. Proposal for an automated voting system at IFAD (GC 43/L.8)
12. Proposed changes to the Policies and Criteria for IFAD Financing (GC 43/L.9)
13. Other business
Annotations

1. **Opening of the session**
   The forty-third session of the Governing Council will be held on Tuesday 11, and Wednesday, 12 February 2020.

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.

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**
   Gilbert F. Houngbo will make a statement to the Governing Council.

5. **Update on conversations with IFAD’s Governors at the forty-second session of the Governing Council**
   The document will provide a short update on the conversations held with Governors on three key topics during the Governing Council session of 2019: (i) Future of IFAD – Financial architecture; (ii) Future of IFAD – Engagement with the Private Sector; and (iii) Repositioning of the United Nations Development System and its Implications for IFAD.

   A report on the status of the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources will be presented.

7. **Establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources**
   Article 4, section 3 of the Agreement Establishing IFAD provides for a periodic review by the Governing Council of the adequacy of IFAD’s resources to assure continuity in the Fund’s operations. The document will present a draft resolution on the establishment of the Consultation on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources.

8. **Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2018**
   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 this document, which will contain the consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2018, the report of the external auditor thereon and the external auditor’s independent attestation on the management assertion report on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting. The Executive Board reviewed these documents at its 126th session in May 2019 and recommended that they be submitted for approval by the Governing Council.

9. **IFAD’s 2020 results-based programme of work and regular and capital budgets, the IOE results-based work programme and budget for 2020 and indicative plan for 2021-2022, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports**
   As recommended by the Executive Board, the budgets of IFAD and the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) for 2020 will be presented for approval by the Governing Council, together with a draft resolution thereon. This document will also report on IFAD’s participation in the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative and on the implementation of IFAD’s
performance-based allocation system (PBAS) for the information of the Council.

10. **Establishment of the Emoluments Committee**
In line with practice followed prior to the appointment of the current President and his predecessors, a draft resolution to re-establish the Emoluments Committee will be presented for the consideration of the Governing Council. The Emoluments Committee will report to the Governing Council prior to the appointment of the new President of IFAD in February 2021.

11. **Proposal for an automated voting system at IFAD**
In its report on the Review of the Established Practice for the Process Leading to the Appointment of the President of IFAD, the Governing Council Bureau recommended that the Secretariat explore electronic voting or other forms of automated processes and report to the Executive Board for possible submission of recommendations to the Governing Council. This document will present the outcome of the exercise, as endorsed by the Executive Board.

12. **Proposed changes to the Policies and Criteria for IFAD Financing**
The Governing Council will be invited to approve the proposed amendments to the Policies and Criteria for IFAD Financing, to reflect the change required to introduce super highly concessional financing terms as foreseen under the new Debt Sustainability Framework reform. The submission of this proposal to the Governing Council was reviewed and approved by the Executive Board at its 128th session in December 2019.

13. **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.