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Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's
Resources — First Session
Rome, 21 February 2011

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IFAD 8 midterm review and first session of the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

1. Members of the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, IFAD Management and staff, and observers met in Rome, Italy, on 21 February 2011 to agree on the sessions, workplan, and themes for IFAD 9, and to review IFAD's progress at the midterm of IFAD 8.
- A. Sessions, workplan and themes for the IFAD 9 Replenishment Consultation**
2. There was general agreement to hold the IFAD 9 Replenishment Consultation negotiations over four meetings in total, all of which to be held in Rome at IFAD headquarters. As proposed by Management the next three substantive meetings of the IFAD 9 Replenishment Consultation are scheduled to be held on 13-14 June, 24-25 October, and 15-16 December 2011.¹ Taking into account suggestions made by members the workplan and themes for the IFAD 9 Replenishment Consultation were approved as annexed hereto. Delegates stressed the importance of addressing key issues at a strategic level. They also requested that they receive all documentation for the replenishment sessions well in advance and suggested that Management explore means to allow efficient provision of feedback on documentation in advance of the Consultation sessions.
- B. IFAD at the midterm of IFAD 8**
3. Participants welcomed Management's presentation on the midterm review of IFAD 8, and on the mainstreaming of two key IFAD 8 themes, namely climate change and natural resource management, within its operations and knowledge work. The presentation on the findings of the assessment of IFAD's organizational effectiveness undertaken by the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) was also appreciated.
 4. Members commended IFAD on the important progress made towards meeting its quantitative and qualitative results targets for IFAD 8.
 5. IFAD's progress in the following areas was highlighted:
 - In delivering the policy, strategic, and internal reform agenda set out in the IFAD 8 Consultation Report;
 - In expanding its programme of work of loans and grants; and
 - In mobilizing a significant amount of external resources.
 6. Members encouraged Management to continue strengthening the results measurement system of IFAD as a means of further improving and better demonstrating its impact on poverty, including to the general public.
 7. Members also noted Management's ongoing efforts and commitment to address the areas identified as needing further attention, particularly with respect to sustainability, efficiency, and human resource management. The need to extend IFAD's country presence as a means to enhance IFAD's operational effectiveness was also stressed.

¹ Given the extensive travel plans already made by members to attend the second session of IFAD 9, the meeting will be held as proposed originally on 13-14 June 2011.

C. Status of contributions to IFAD 8

8. Members welcomed the update on the status of contributions to IFAD 8, and IFAD's efforts to mobilize additional resources was noted.

Workplan and themes for the sessions of the Consultation on the Ninth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

Second session 13-14 June

1. Strategic vision to 2015
2. IFAD business model
3. Financing modalities for IFAD assistance and resource mobilization
4. Proposed programme of work, financing requirements and financing framework for IFAD 9
5. Draft replenishment resolution

Third session 24-25 October

1. Delivering outcomes, results measurement and accountability for IFAD 9
2. Managing for organizational and operational efficiency (budget and human resource management)
3. Mainstreaming South-South cooperation
4. Draft IFAD 9 Consultation Report

Fourth session 15-16 December

1. Final IFAD 9 Consultation Report (including the results measurement framework)
2. Pledging of contributions
3. Final draft replenishment resolution