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## I nformation Note

1. The attention of the Executive Board is drawn to this information note to IFAD's Investment Policy Statement (EB 2011/103/R.33), which includes additional data on the asset allocation under the new Investment Policy Statement.
2. The new asset allocation to emerging market sovereign bonds (BBB- and above) and corporate bonds (A- and above) is limited to 10 per cent or US $\$ 250$ million equivalent of the total portfolio value as shown in the table below, on the righthand side column (shaded in grey).
3. The 10 per cent allocation will be funded by the lowest performing portfolio of Global Government Bonds (AA- and above). The performance as at 31 August 2011 is 1.85 per cent, as shown in the middle column of the table (shaded in grey).
4. The 10 per cent allocation to emerging market sovereign bonds and corporate bonds would better protect IFAD from the continuing turbulence across global financial markets where IFAD's assets are invested.

Table - Asset allocation under the new Investment Policy Statement as at 31 August 2011 (August figures are estimates)

|  | Current Asset Allocation |  |  | Proposed Asset Allocation |  |
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|  | US\$ Millions | actual \% | Performance as of Aug 2011 | US\$ Millions | estimated \% |
| Asset Classes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash | 208.00 | 8\% | 0.35\% | 208.00 | 8\% |
| Held-to-maturity AA- and above | 410.00 | 16\% | 2.59\% | 410.00 | 16\% |
| Diversified Fixed Income AA- and above | 406.10 | 16\% | 5.29\% | 406.10 | 16\% |
| Inflation Indexed AA- and above | 520.80 | 20\% | 5.35\% | 520.80 | 20\% |
| Global government bonds $A A-$ and above | 996.80 | 39\% | 1.85\% | 746.80 | 29\% |
| Emerging market sovereign bonds BBB- and above | 0.00 | 0\% | n.a. | 150.00 | 6\% |
| Corporates A- and above | 0.00 | 0\% | n.a. | 100.00 | 4\% |
| TOTAL | 2541.70 | 100\% | 2.96\% | 2541.70 | 100\% |

