



IFAD consideration of a Code of Conduct for Executive Board Representatives

Historical Background

Presentation to an Informal Seminar of the Executive Board
13 September 2011

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- **April 2006:** Executive Board establishes ad hoc Committee to review the voting rights of IFAD Member States as well as the role, effectiveness and membership of the Executive Board [IFAD 7 recommendation].
- **December 2006:** Ad hoc Committee reports to Executive Board and identifies a Code of conduct for Executive Board as a major issue. Executive Board decides to task Convenors and Friends with further consideration of the Committee's report and recommendations.
- **April 2007:** Report of ad hoc Committee re-presented to the Executive Board. No agreement reached on either re-establishing the committee, or on considering governance issues at Convenors and Friends.
- **July 2009:** Audit Committee requests background paper on a Code of Conduct for Executive Board representatives.
- **September 2009:** Audit Committee agrees to seek guidance from the Executive Board on how to proceed further on the issue of a Code of Conduct.

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- **September 2009:** Executive Board agrees that Audit Committee should proceed with the development of a Code of Conduct for Executive Board representatives, while noting opposition to this.
- **November 2009:** Audit Committee requests the preparation of framework document to cover: “(i) the legal and institutional parameters for a code of conduct; and (ii) a comparative overview of codes of conduct in other international financial institutions.”
- **March 2010:** Audit Committee, decides to report to Executive Board for guidance.
- **April 2010:** Executive Board decides to discuss item further at an informal seminar, prior to formal consideration.
- **July 2010 – April 2011:** Feedback is requested of Convenors and Friends on possible dates for an informal seminar on the Code of Conduct.
- **July 2011:** Convenors and Friends are informed of an informal seminar being prepared for the September session of the Executive Board.