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Working Group on the Transition Framework — Third Meeting
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For: Information

Programme of Work of the Working Group on the Transition Framework for 2018

At its first meeting on 4 May, the Working Group on the Transition Framework reviewed the dates of the meetings and overall programme of work for 2018. Members agreed on the topics for the second meeting, and also on holding an additional meeting on 18 September. This document is a living document, to be updated as required.

I. Background

1. The Terms of Reference of the Working Group on the Transition Framework¹ define the scope of the work to be undertaken in phase II of the Transition Framework. Phase II will be concluded by December 2018, so as to have the Framework in place for the start of Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources. The Working Group will then consider how to approach items which have either been only partly, or not fully addressed in phases I and II and advise the Executive Board on the way forward. As per the Terms of Reference, this document contains the dates and a programme of work for the Working Group in 2018.
2. Given the mandate of the Working Group, it is to be noted that members may revise the programme of work by adding, deleting, defining or amending items during the course of the year.

II. Dates of meetings

3. The document also identifies dates for the meetings planned in 2018 which aim to avoid overlap with the planned governing body meetings of the two other Rome-based United Nations food and agriculture organizations. Additional meetings may be arranged in close consultation with the members of the Working Group.

III. Objective

4. The programme of work will enable the Working Group to carry out its role and responsibilities in accordance with its Terms of Reference. The Working Group will have an opportunity to review and comment on the various aspects of the Transition Framework, and agree on a final proposal to present to the Executive Board in December 2018.

¹ Approved by the Executive Board at its 123rd session in April 2018. See EB 2018/123/R.26/Rev.1.

Dates and programme of work of the Working Group on the Transition Framework for 2018*

First meeting (Friday, 4 May 2018 – afternoon)

- Election of the Chairperson of the Working Group on the Transition Framework
- Draft Programme of Work of the Working Group on the Transition Framework for 2018
- Presentation of Concept and Elements of the Transition Framework
- Procedure for Drafting, Clearance and Sharing of Records of the Meetings of the Working Group on the Transition Framework

Second meeting (Thursday, 28 June)

- Phasing-out/phasing-in
- Cofinancing analysis and strategy
- Regional lending operations
- Revised guidelines and procedures for results-based country strategic opportunities programmes
- Possible additional topics: Non-lending activities – reimbursable technical assistance

Third meeting (Monday, 23 July)

- Results-based lending
- Transition Framework – Draft document
- Transforming IFAD's Business Model and Financial Architecture

Fourth meeting (Tuesday, 18 September)

- Revised guidelines and procedures for results-based country strategic opportunities programmes
- Status of reimbursable technical assistance and way forward

Fifth meeting (Monday, 29 October)

- Endorsement of Transition Framework
 - Cofinancing strategy and action plan
 - Development of timeline and content for Transition Framework (to be discussed in 2019)
 - Other topics to be decided based on progress in discussions
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* Adoption of the agenda and other business will be standard items at each meeting.