



Members' Update

FAO renewal



FAO Council notes cooperation between Members, staff

Members of the FAO Council referred to what they perceived as a “significant increase” in collaboration between FAO Members and the Secretariat as one of the achievements of the Organization’s renewal process. The 136th session of the Council, meeting at Rome headquarters in June, also praised FAO employees for their work and for their positive approach to renewal.

Members noted progress in several areas of the Immediate Plan of Action for FAO Renewal, a document that constitutes the roadmap for implementing the recommendations of a recent Independent External Evaluation of FAO.

Council commended the work of FAO’s Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters in proposing revisions to the Constitution, and rules required for the implementation of FAO renewal. It also recognized progress in areas including results-based management, delaying of senior level positions at headquarters, and culture change.

Council considered that the elements of the new FAO Strategic Framework, Medium-term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget for 2010-2011 presented at the Rome session provided a good basis for the elaboration of more definitive proposals in July. It agreed the elements that would be presented in July, which would also include, for the first time, the proposed resource levels for 2010-11.

Members said decentralization efforts needed to be developed further and in a phased manner, while there was a request for further clarification on the new headquarters structure.

IPA Trust Fund ‘champions’ to be identified

Several “co-champions” from among Member States are being identified by FAO’s regional groups to help promote donations to the Trust Fund for implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action.

The FAO Conference established the Trust Fund to receive Members' voluntary extrabudgetary contributions. The most recent funding target is US\$15.25 million for 2009, with US\$7 638 187

pledged and US\$ 4 537 559 received to date.

Professor Noori Naeini, who chairs the Conference Committee for the Follow-up to the Independent External Evaluation of FAO (CoC-IEE), said: “One Member State in each region will promote donations to the fund among the countries of the region. We hope this will act as a spur for further voluntary contributions in helping to ensure that the plan of action for an improved and more efficient FAO can be implemented.”

A further three countries – Mozambique, Netherlands and Thailand – have all pledged contributions to the fund since the previous issue of this newsletter.

Country	Pledged	Paid
AUSTRALIA	111,900	111,900
AUSTRIA	65,933	65,933
BRAZIL	100,000	100,000
BELGIUM	250,000	250,000
CAMEROON	21,739	
CYPRUS	9,186	9,186
ESTONIA	4,000	4,000
EC	1,388,889	
FINLAND	557,880	557,880
FRANCE	900,000	840,000
GERMANY	906,736	906,736
GREECE	86,338	86,338
ITALY	1,000,000	1,000,000
IRELAND	142,638	142,638
MAURITIUS	5,000	
MOZAMBIQUE	1,765	1,765
NETHERLANDS	400,000	
NEW ZEALAND	70,000	70,000
NIGERIA	25,000	25,000
SLOVAKIA	44,000	44,000
SPAIN	600,000	
SWITZERLAND	301,434	301,434
TANZANIA	19,975	19,975
THAILAND	50,000	
UNITED KINGDOM	570,000	
VIET NAM	5,000	
Transfer IEE Trust Fund	774	774
TOTAL	7,638,187	4,537,559

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