

Chair's Aide-Mémoire

Joint meeting of Working Groups I, II and III of the Conference Committee for IEE Follow-up (CoC-IEE)

Thursday 17 September 2009

Chaired by Noel de Luna, Chair WG III

Final consideration of progress in IPA implementation and Trust Fund budget situation

1. The Working Groups welcomed the full *2009 Progress Report on IPA Implementation* (www.fao.org/uploads/media/IPAImplementation%20English.pdf) covering the progress made throughout the year and outlining a way forward in light of the changing nature of FAO reform in the next biennium.
2. The Working Groups appreciated the good progress made in implementing the IPA in 2009, noting that 132 out of 235 actions – or 56% of all the IPA actions approved by the Conference in 2008 – were projected for completion by 2009 year-end, and that actions which had been completed covered key areas such as the results-based planning documentation (Strategic Framework, Medium Term Plan and Programme of Work and Budget) and completion of the Root and Branch Review.
3. The Working Groups noted that the IPA presented in the *2009 Progress Report* incorporated also the agreed recommendations of the Root and Branch Review, and these were added to the original list of IPA actions approved by the Conference in 2008 to form an Integrated IPA of 270 actions.
4. The Working Groups noted the prolonging from three to five years of the implementation of the IPA, acknowledging, *inter alia*, that the full incorporation of the Root and Branch Review recommendations in the IPA had significantly increased the complexity associated with the implementation, and that an extended timeframe would reduce the risk of less than full implementation of the IPA actions.
5. Concerns were reiterated by Members at the level of financing of the Trust Fund for IPA implementation – with the total pledges of USD 8.3 million made to date falling short of the latest target level of USD 10.5 million required in 2009 to support all earmarked and sequenced IPA actions for 2009, noting that this target had been successively lowered during the course of 2009. Based on the experience in 2009, concerns were consequently also reiterated as to the level of guarantee of the extra-budgetary resources to be mobilized for the reform actions in 2010-11. It was noted that these concerns would be conveyed to the upcoming session of the Finance Committee (18 September 2009) under the discussion on the funding modalities of the IPA in 2010-11.

Annex

Agenda for the meeting

1. Chair's introduction
2. Final consideration of progress in IPA implementation and Trust Fund budget situation