

Chair's Aide Mémoire – Seventh Meeting of the Conference Committee for IEE Follow-up (CoC-IEE) – Monday 13 October 2008 15:30 – 17:00

Mohammad Saeid Noori-Naeini, Chair

1) Outstanding Items for Completion in Governance Section of the CoC-IEE Report: Members approved additions to the governance section of the Immediate Plan of Action (see Annex) regarding:

- a) The role and functions of the Independent Chairperson of the Council, including consultation with regional groups;
- b) Size and regional representation in membership of the Council.

2) Resourcing implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action: Members approved the text for the CoC-IEE Report (attached) specifying funding arrangements for the Immediate Plan of Action in 2009.

Annex: Approved Immediate Plan of Action Sections

The Independent Chairperson of the Council (in Section B of the IPA)

The Independent Chairperson of the Council will play an enhanced facilitation role in further empowerment of the Council to better play its role in governance and oversight. These functions of the Independent Chairperson will be specified in the Basic Texts and will include active consultation with regional groups in preparation for Council sessions.

Independent Chairperson of the Council - Action Matrix

Actions			Responsibility for final decision	Start-End Year	Costs or Savings US\$ (million)	
Ref N.	Ref. IEE Rec	Action			Investment	Recurrent per biennium
	4.10a	Revise Basic Texts to clearly specify the proactive facilitation role of the Independent Chairperson of the Council for the Governance of FAO, eliminating any potential for conflict of roles with the managerial role of the Director-General and, including, in addition to chairing meetings of the Council:	Conference Committee/ CCLM/ Conference	2009	-	0
2.38		a) serve as an honest broker in arriving at consensus between members on controversial issues;				
2.39		b) liaise with the Chairs of the Programme and Finance Committees and CCLM on their work programmes and as appropriate with the chairs of technical committees and regional conferences, normally attending the Programme and Finance Committees and regional conferences;				
2.40		c) as and when he/she considers it useful, the Independent Chairperson of the Council may call for consultative meetings with representatives of the Regional Groups on issues of an administrative and organizational nature for the preparation and conduct of a session;				
2.41		d) liaise with FAO senior management on concerns of the membership, expressed through the Council and its Programme and Finance Committees and the regional conferences;				
2.42		e) ensure that the Council is kept abreast of developments in other fora of importance for FAO's mandate and that dialogue is maintained with other Governing Bodies as appropriate, in particular the Governing Bodies of the Rome based food and agriculture agencies;				
2.43		f) drive forward the continuous improvement of the efficiency, effectiveness and Member ownership of FAO Governance.				
2.44		g) The Basic Texts will also specify:				
2.45		i) desirable qualifications (competencies) for the Independent Chairperson to be developed by the Conference Committee with advice of the CCLM and decided by the 2009 Conference ii) that the Independent Chairperson is required to be present in Rome for all sessions of the Council and will normally be expected to spend at least six to eight months of the year in Rome				

Governing Body Follow-up - Action Matrix (in Section D of the IPA)

4.3	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Existing text: The functions of the Committee, without prejudice to the statutory functions of the Council and its standing committees are to recommend to the 36th session of the FAO Conference (2009);</p> <p><u>New text</u> any changes found desirable in the size and regional representation in the membership of the Council and propose with advice from the CCLM any necessary changes in the Basic Texts to the 2009 Session of the Conference;</p>					
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Resourcing Implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action (in section D of the IPA)

For 2009, ensuring the start-up of implementation, including the Governance follow-up arrangements, requires funding by voluntary extra-budgetary contributions through the establishment of a Trust Fund. Such funding should also permit

immediate follow-up to the Root and Branch Review and ensure the integrity of implementation of the 2008-09 Programme of Work and Budget. From 2010-11 funding for implementation of the Immediate Plan of Action will be treated under the Programme of Work and Budget. Provisional costings totalling US\$ 21.8 million for 2009 are provided below.

Funding Requirements of the IPA and Root and Branch Review in 2009 (US\$ million) (provisional figures)					
	Costs			Resources already identified	Resource requirement 2009
	Investment	Recurrent	Total		
Immediate Plan of Action	13.1	5.1	18.2		
Root and Branch Review	4.5	3.0	7.5		
Total	17.6	8.1	25.7	3.9	21.8

Funding 2009 Implementation Follow-up - Action Matrix

Actions			Responsibility for final decision	Start-End Year	Provisional Costs or Savings US\$ (million)	
Ref N.	Ref. IEE Rec	Action			Investment	Recurrent per biennium
4.8		Establish Trust Fund and cost of 2009 implementation	Conference/Management	2008 -	21.8	0
4.9		Contribute to trust fund	Members	2008-09		