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**Programme Committee  
Proposed Annotated Agenda**

The tasks of the Programme Committee will include:

1. Receiving activity reports (from September 2006 to February 2008)
2. Receiving reports from the consultative bodies
3. Receiving proposals for prioritization in 2009 and reporting them to the Central Committee
4. Listening to the Central Committee, and particularly the Finance Committee
5. Making final proposals for the programmatic activities 2009

**Monday, February 11**

Session 1 – 09.00-10.30

**I. Welcome, introductions**

Mandate of the Committee

Approval of the Agenda

Distribution of tasks (role of the Steering Group; Rapporteurs)

Session 2 – 11.00-12.30

**II. Reporting: From September 2006 to February 2008**

1. Written reports (explore the possibility of preparing and submitting the same reports at the programme level for both the Central Committee and the PMER cycle).
2. Appendices to the reports (explore the possibility of adding two pages with highlights from activities/events and two pages with staff activities, i.e. travel, articles, etc.).
3. Presentation of the report (ca 30 min.) with the assistance of communication.
4. Table discussions (30 min) – interest groups/tables for each programme and communication.
5. Oral reports (30 min.) – each table to share the key concern expressed or the main recommendation formulated during the discussion.

6. Written reports – each table is invited to give to the rapporteurs **one** comment, **one** assessment and **one** recommendation.

Session 3 – 14.00-15.30

**III. Central Committee decisions in 2006**

1. What was followed up and what was not? Why? – A brief presentation (probably by P&I).
2. Table discussion.
3. Sharing the major learnings.

Session 4 – 16.00-17.30

**IV. Consultative bodies**

1. Each consultative body (i.e. F&O, CWME, CCIA, EEF, JWG, JCGP, DOV, Joint Commission between CWCs and the WCC) speaks to the report made available in advance (10 min.), bringing forward **a major contribution of the body and a challenge the body had addressed**.
2. Table discussion (30 min.) – interest groups for each consultative body (or a potential combination, e.g. F&O/JWG, CWME/JCGP).
3. Written reports – each table is invited to give to the rapporteurs a summary of the discussion.

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**Tuesday, February 12**

Session 1 – 09.00-10.30

**V. Proposals for 2009**

1. Presentation of proposals: prioritization in light of the recommendations of the Executive Committee in September 2007.
2. Discussion.
3. Emerging questions/challenges (no decisions are expected at this stage; stating the issues and preparing the first account to the Central Committee constitutes the main objective of the exercise).

Session 2 – 11.00-12.30

**VI. First report to the Central Committee**

Reading the report and ensuring the consensus of the committee.

Session 3 – 14.00-15.30

Reading the report and ensuring the consensus of the committee.

Session 4 – 16.00-17.30

(If needed) Reading the report and ensuring the consensus of the committee.

**Friday, February 15**

Session 1 – 14.00-15.00

**I. Assessment of the Central Committee plenary**

1. What have we heard Central Committee members saying?
2. How should we deal with the suggestions made?

Session 2 – 15.30-16.30

**II. Joint session with the Finance Committee**

1. The leadership of the Finance Committee is invited to give the framework for 2009 and share advice/comments/warnings with the Programme Committee.
2. Discussion.
3. Identifications of areas that may need particular attention or may have to be addressed in close cooperation between the two committees.

Session 3 – 16.30-17.30

**III. Screening of programmes**

Each programme is screened (in interest tables) in light of the results of the **prioritization** exercise and on the basis of the following questions:

- a) challenges from churches
- b) challenges from consultative bodies
- c) available resources (human and financial)
- d) experience/learning after implementation

**Saturday, February 16**

Session 4 – 09.00-10.30

**IV. Mid-way encounter with the leadership of the Finance Committee**

Session 5 – 11.00-12.30

Screening of programs continued (as needed)

Session 6 – 14.00-15.00

**V. Second report to the Central Committee**

Reading the report and ensuring the consensus of the committee

Session 7 – 15.30-16.30

Reading the report and ensuring the consensus of the committee.

Session 8 – 16.00-17.30

(If needed) Reading the report and ensuring the consensus of the committee.