



## Innovation for a food-secure future

### Governing Council 2024 – Forty-seventh session (GC47)

**Wednesday, 14 February - IFAD Headquarters - Plenary Hall**

09.30 **Agenda item 1: Opening of the session**

Welcoming statement by Mr William Roos, Deputy Secretary, Multilateral Affairs, Development and Trade, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of the French Republic, Outgoing Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Council

**Agenda item 2:** Adoption of the agenda (GC 47/L.1)

**Agenda item 3:** Election of the Bureau of the Governing Council

**Agenda item 4:** Applications for non-original membership (GC 47/L.2)

10.15 **\*\*\*Keynote addresses\*\*\***

Remarks by the Chairperson of the Governing Council

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis, delivered on his behalf by Monsignor Fernando Chica Arellano, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to IFAD

Statement by Senator Patrizio Giacomo La Pietra, Undersecretary of State to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry of the Italian Republic

Remarks by Mr Máximo Torero, Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, on behalf of Mr QU Dongyu, Director-General of FAO

Remarks by Mr Carl Skau, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the World Food Programme on behalf of Ms Cindy H. McCain, Executive Director of WFP

Statement by Mr Alvaro Lario, President of IFAD

11.00 **\*\*\*IFAD Talk\*\*\***

#### **Actions for inclusive growth in the age of artificial intelligence**

This year's IFAD Talk focuses on "Actions for inclusive growth in the age of artificial intelligence". Keynote speaker Bhaskar Chakravorti will address AI's role in socio-economic development, offering insights into its application in low-income

countries for rural development and for achieving food security and the SDGs. Governors are encouraged to ask questions about AI's impact on labour dynamics, real-world use cases, and how best to work with tech companies to achieve progress in rural areas.

**Speaker:** Dr Bhaskar Chakravorti, Dean of Global Business, and Executive Director, Institute for Business in the Global Context, The Fletcher School, Tufts University

**Moderator:** Ms Hélène Papper, Director, Global Communications and Advocacy Division, IFAD

11.45 **\*\*\*Business items for consideration\*\*\***

**Agenda item 6:** Report of the Bureau of the Governing Council on the review of the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD (GC47/L.3)

12.00 **\*\*\*Interactive session 1 and IFAD's 2024 Gender Awards Ceremony\*\*\***

**Champion of Change: Celebrating transformative pathways to a nourished future**

The 2024 Gender Awards recognize the following outstanding projects that have adopted transformative and innovative approaches in promoting economic empowerment, equal participation and a more equitable balance in rural communities:

**Plurinational State of Bolivia:** Integral Strengthening Programme for the Camelid Value Chain in the Bolivian High Plateau (Pro-Camélidos)

**Cambodia:** Tonle Sap Poverty Reduction and Smallholder Development Project

**Ghana:** Ghana Agricultural Sector Investment Project

**Madagascar:** Vocational Training and Agricultural Productivity Improvement Programme

**Montenegro:** Rural Clustering and Transformation Project

**Moderator:** Ms Redi Tlhabi, Award-winning broadcaster, author and television journalist

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13.30 **Buffet lunch for all delegates**  
(IFAD Headquarters - Lounge)

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| 13.45-14.45 | <p><b>Side event – Italian Conference Room</b></p> <p><b>UN Decade of Family Farming 2019-2028: Family Farmers at the centre of the sustainable rural development agenda</b></p> <p><i>The year 2024 marks the midpoint of the Decade. Accordingly, this event will feature an interactive panel discussion aimed at highlighting the importance of supporting family farmers as the backbone of rural transformation and the sustainable agricultural development agenda. The session will be an opportunity to hear from family farmers and development partners about the progress made to date in the implementation of the UNDF as well as have a discussion on challenges, opportunities and experiences to inform how we can further partner together for the remaining four years of the Decade's Global Action Plan.</i></p> |
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15.00 Synthesis of deliberations of the eighth global meeting of the Farmers' Forum

15.15 **\*\*\*Business items (continued)\*\*\***

**Agenda item 7:** Report on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (GC 47/L.4)

**Agenda item 8:** Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (GC 47/L.5 + Add.1)

15.45 **\*\*\*IFAD13 session - High-level dialogue\*\*\***

**IFAD13: From pledges to action - Investing in rural prosperity and resilience for a food-secure future**

Following the formal approval of the IFAD13 Report, during the high-level dialogue Governors are invited to reflect on the ambition set out for IFAD13 and the innovations introduced by IFAD13 to ensure rural prosperity and resilience for a food-secure future.

17.15 **\*\*\*Celebration of IFAD13\*\*\***

18.00 Reception for all delegates

## Day 2

### Thursday, 15 February – IFAD Headquarters - Plenary Hall

08.30 **Networking breakfast** – IFAD Headquarters – Lounge

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| 09.00-09.45 | <p><b>Side event – Italian Conference Room</b></p> <p><b>IFAD, G7 and G20 - A partnership for sustainable rural transformation</b></p> <p><i>This event will showcase achievements and contributions to the global food security agenda under the G7 and G20 presidencies in 2023 (Japan and India), and also highlight how the incoming presidencies (Italy and Brazil) will build on these accomplishments, particularly in relation to development finance, food security, and climate resilience.</i></p> |
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**\*\*\*Business items (continued)\*\*\***

10.00 **Agenda item 9:** Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2022 (GC 47/L.6)

**Agenda item 10:** Amendments to the Financial Regulations of IFAD (GC 47/L.7)

**Agenda item 11:** IFAD's 2024 results-based programme of work, regular and capital budgets, and budget outlook for 2025–2026, the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD's results-based work programme and budget for 2024 and indicative plan for 2025–2026, and the HIPC, PBAS and BRAM progress reports (GC 47/L.8 + Add.1)

11.00 **\*\*\*Governors' Round Table – Italian Conference Room\*\*\***

**Innovation for a food-secure future**

The GC47 is an opportunity for reflection on the future positioning of IFAD. Building on IFAD13, and considering the impact of key global trends and changes on IFAD's work for a food-secure future, Governors are invited to the Italian Conference Room for a frank and open conversation. Looking at the data behind global trends, the Governors' Round Table is an opportunity to exchange views and expectations on how Governors see IFAD evolving, innovating and adapting, ready to tackle global challenges over the next decade.

13.00 **Buffet lunch for all delegates** (IFAD HQ - Lounge)

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| 13.30-<br>14.15 | <p><b>Side event – Oval Room</b></p> <p><b>International Land Coalition: Women’s land rights for a food-secure and sustainable future</b></p> <p><i>Smallholder farmers, pastoralists, Indigenous Peoples and local communities need secure land rights to manage their land sustainably, and feed their families, their communities, and the rest of the world. Beyond simply growing crops, they cultivate a sustainable, resilient food system based on local knowledge and community-led ecosystem restoration. To address and adapt to the climate crisis, we must put our food systems in the hands of those who live on and from the land - and especially into the hands of women. During this session we will learn more about how supporting women to secure their land rights can be a key pathway in addressing the climate crisis, and a key ingredient to transform our global food systems.</i></p> |
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| 14.00-<br>14.45 | <p><b>Side event – Italian Conference Room</b></p> <p><b>Launch of the MOPAN Report on IFAD</b></p> <p><b>How can findings from the MOPAN assessment of IFAD support the successful implementation of IFAD13?</b></p> <p><i>The Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) assesses multilateral organizations, shapes performance standards and champions learning and insights to strengthen development and humanitarian results and promote accountability. The launch will include a panel discussion with Executive Board members about how findings from the assessment can inform the successful implementation of IFAD13.</i></p> |
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**\*\*\*Interactive session 2\*\*\*****Rural people innovating for a resilient future**

Rural communities are rich sources of knowledge on how to manage ecosystems, cope with climate change and produce nutritious food in difficult conditions. During this session, Governors will have the opportunity to visit rural communities and immerse themselves in the realities of IFAD’s work with these communities on the ground.

**Moderator:** Ms Redi Tlhabi, Award-winning broadcaster, author and television journalist

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**\*\*\*Business items (continued)\*\*\***

**Agenda item 12:** Election of members and alternate members of the Executive Board (GC 47/L.9 + Add.1)

**Agenda item 13:** Other business

17.00

**\*\*\*Closure of the session\*\*\***

Concluding remarks by the President of IFAD

Closing statement by the Chairperson

## **Permanent exhibitions**

During the two-day session, Member States representatives are invited to visit the Innovation Marketplace located in the foyer and the photo exhibition organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), which is being held on the lower-ground floor.

### **MARKETPLACE OF INNOVATIONS**

Discover groundbreaking solutions and collaborative initiatives at the Marketplace of Innovations, showcasing IFAD's commitment to addressing emerging challenges and making a tangible impact on rural lives. Explore a dynamic space featuring IFAD-funded ideas, use cases and successful solutions from diverse geographies, emphasizing successful applications of frontier technologies such as AI, blockchain and Web3, and the importance of traditional knowledge as a source of innovation to improve the quality of life of rural people.

### **SOUL OF RURALITY**

IICA is committed to giving visibility to the role of women and accelerating the development of sound public policies for the benefit of women who live in rural areas. This initiative, developed with Vogue to mark the International Day of Rural Women, seeks to pay tribute to these women. IICA travelled to four countries in the Americas –Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala and Jamaica – to tell the stories of women who live off the land. The result is 15 images that depict the powerful life stories of women for whom food is synonymous with affection and survival, and whose colourful, handcrafted garments have great significance.