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1. At its ninety-eighth session in December 2009, the Executive Board authorized the President of IFAD to approve, on behalf of the Board, grants not exceeding the equivalent of US\$500,000, with the exception of grant financing to the for-profit private sector, and to report annually to the Executive Board on the use of such authority.
2. A description is attached of the grants approved under this agreement in 2016, up to and including 31 December 2016. These grants are listed by relevant division and a description is provided of the activities supported. The grants were subject to the criteria and approval process presented in the IFAD Policy for Grant Financing, which was approved in April 2015 (EB 2015/114/R.2/Rev.1).

Lead Originating Department/ Division/Unit	Grant title	Benefiting institution/country	Amount (United States dollars)	Scope of the grant
Asia and the Pacific Division	Strengthening the role of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in the Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in South Asia	South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment	100 000	Strengthen cooperation among SAARC member countries in support of sustainable intensification of agriculture with a focus on poor smallholder farmers.
East and Southern Africa Division	Collect, document and disseminate good practices generated by IFAD-funded projects in Madagascar	Madagascar	450 000	Strengthen the knowledge management culture within the Ministry of Agriculture in Madagascar.
Global Engagement, Knowledge and Strategy Division	TerraNuova Contribution Agreement	TERRANUOVA	45 000 ¹	Fund the participation of civil society representatives in informal consultations in Rome before the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) 2016 session and in the Open-Ended Working Group on connecting smallholders to markets, and the preparation of civil society documentation related to the theme.
Latin America and the Caribbean Division	Territorial Development in Support of Colombia's Post-Conflict Rural Framework	Corporación de Derecho Privado, Latin American Centre for Rural Development	200 000	Contribute to the design of Colombia's post-conflict rural policy framework in ways that allow the rural poor to take advantage of emerging opportunities.
Near East, North Africa and Europe Division (NEN)	Contribution to the Agricultural Day in the framework of the Twenty-Second Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC/COP22)	Moroccan Agency for Agricultural Development	450 000	Support policy processes in NEN countries to reduce the vulnerability of the agricultural sector to climate change.

¹ United States dollar equivalent. Grant was approved in the amount of EUR 40,000.

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NEN	Contribution to Research on Pulses by the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)	ICARDA	50 000	Develop innovations and enabling policies to promote pulses for improving health, nutrition and sustainable agriculture in dry areas.
NEN	Support to the Twelfth International Dryland Development Conference on Sustainable Development of Drylands in Post-2015 World, Alexandria, Egypt, 21-24 August 2016	Bibliotheca Alexandrina	20 000	The event provided an opportunity to exchange research results and experiences among colleagues from around the world and to promote international cooperation in developing strategies to meet the challenge of sustainable development of drylands.
Operational Programming and Effectiveness Unit (OPE)	Regional Experts' Workshops to Facilitate Country Implementation of the Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa (S3A)	Forum for Agricultural Research In Africa	355 000	Develop and implement a pro-poor S3A that is owned and driven by countries, by preparing a stakeholder-owned proposal to strengthen national institutional arrangements for implementation of the agenda in selected countries as per the priorities identified by the stakeholders themselves.
OPE	Contribution Agreement between IFAD and Regional Network of Farmers of Africa and South Asia (RENOFASA)	RENOFASA	30 000	Support the RENOFASA Secretariat in organizing and training farmers in Africa and South Asia on climate variability, climate change and climate-related issues to improve their understanding and increase crop productivity.
Policy and Technical Advisory Division (PTA)	Supporting Indigenous Peoples' Self-Driven Development	International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs	500 000	Empower indigenous peoples to influence decisions in public policies and development programmes in IFAD's borrowing countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.
PTA	Pastoralist-driven Data Management System	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	450 000	Strengthen capacities of civil society organizations in Argentina, Chad and Mongolia for pastoral data collection and analysis and information management to facilitate evidence-based policy decision-making.

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PTA	Strengthening Capacity for Assessing the Impact of Tenure Security Measures on IFAD-Supported and Other Projects within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Framework	Global Land Tool Network Secretariat, UN-Habitat	220 000	Contribute to the development and use of guidelines for assessing, measuring and reporting impact of secure tenure on poverty reduction and food security in IFAD-supported and other projects and programmes; and increase knowledge and awareness of the guidelines.
PTA	Contribution to the United Nations International Year of Pulses 2016	FAO	100 000	Raise awareness of the contribution of pulses to food security and nutrition.
PTA	Contribution to the World Forum on Access to Land and Natural Resources 2016	Center for Rural Studies and International Agriculture	100 000	Promote more secure and equitable access to land and natural resources for rural people.
Programme Management Department (PMD)	IFAD Contribution to the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) 2016	CFS/FAO	400 000	The main functions of the CFS are to: (a) contribute to advancing coordination and partnerships; (b) contribute to policy convergence on food security and nutrition; and (c) strengthen national and regional food security and nutrition actions.
PMD	IFAD Contribution to the United Nations Standing Committee on Nutrition (UNSCN)	UNSCN/FAO	130 000	Support activities related to four strategic objectives: (a) maximize United Nations policy coherence and advocacy on nutrition; (b) support consistent and accountable delivery by the United Nations system; (c) explore new and emerging nutrition-related issues; and (d) promote knowledge-sharing across the United Nations system.
Research and Impact Assessment Division	Contribution to FAO Expert Consultation	FAO	30 000	Support the organization of the expert consultation on agricultural and rural development research and investment in achieving SDGs 1 and 2, hosted in FAO headquarters on 9-11 January 2017.