
Draft programme of events for the forty-sixth session of the Governing Council

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Action: The Executive Board is invited to take note of the draft programme for the forty-sixth session of the Governing Council contained in this document.

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1. The forty-sixth session of the Governing Council of IFAD (GC46) will be held on Tuesday, 14 and Wednesday, 15 February 2023. The session will be fully in presence and, in the spirit of Rome-based agency collaboration, it will take place at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome. As was the case with the forty-second session, the hospitality of FAO will once again be instrumental in creating a conducive environment for discussions among the Governors of the Fund.
2. Only seven years remain to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and progress towards ending extreme poverty and achieving food security is severely off track. Around the globe, more than one in 10 people are experiencing severe food insecurity and the situation is set to worsen. Rural communities are highly vulnerable to the crises that are escalating locally and globally – from conflict to climate change, the impact of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine.
3. With the 2030 deadline looming ever closer, GC46 will have as its overarching theme: “Accelerating action for food security”. There is no easy path to transforming food systems and bringing about sustainable food and nutrition security and an end to poverty. However, IFAD has long been working – individually and through partnerships – to strengthen the productivity, livelihoods and resilience of small-scale food producers and rural communities – and their local food systems.
4. GC46 will provide a platform for those who are most vulnerable to food insecurity and are at the centre of food systems transformation. During the two-day event, there will be close dialogue between leaders of civil society organizations, farmers' and Indigenous Peoples' representatives and young people, who will have the stage to speak, moderate discussions and share their experiences.
5. The programme of events will include an inaugural session, a high-level dialogue with Governors, interactive sessions and the consideration of business items.
6. The dialogue with Governors is designed to encourage discussion around the Governing Council theme, which is the strategic thread connecting the sessions and events.
7. Four events will be held during the two-day programme.
 - (a) The first – Indigenous Peoples' climate leadership: Holistic solutions for well-being and a healthy planet – will be articulated around the key message that climate action is needed in order to achieve food and nutrition security. The event will bring scientific evidence of how climate change affects food security and nutrition and how Indigenous Peoples are a key part of the solution to this global challenge.
 - (b) The second – Making private sector climate adaptation finance work for small-scale producers: Can it be done? – will focus on the importance of identifying ways to scale up private sector finance from different financiers and local financial institutions to unlock access to climate adaptation finance for small-scale producers.
 - (c) The third event – Youth and agriculture: Accelerating a Just Transition towards green jobs – will centre on the youth advantage in climate action and how young people can be the catalyst for a more productive, sustainable, innovative, and economically reliable agriculture sector. The event will also

highlight the various green jobs that young people are engaged in and the innovative elements that have been adopted.

- (d) The fourth event – Challenges and opportunities in the water-food-energy nexus – will focus on a new approach to promoting food, water and energy security and explore how this concept can be developed into a framework. Current challenges and opportunities will be explored, as well as the role of the public and the private sector in the context of geopolitical and climate challenges that have profound implications for global supply chains and the associated impacts on water resources, energy and food security, especially for the most vulnerable areas.
8. As in recent years, an IFAD Talk Session will be held with the participation of a noted personality who will share insights on development issues with a special focus on agriculture and rural development.
 9. The programme will also provide opportunities for bilateral networking and for Governors to discuss key business items. Buffet luncheons open to all delegates will be held on both days. In addition, a reception for all participants will be held at the close of the first day.
 10. Member States will once again be invited to provide their statements – preferably relating to the overarching theme – prior to the session in either written or audiovisual form. Alternatively, they may opt to videorecord their statements upon arrival. General statements in video format will be broadcast for viewing by all participants and will also be made available on the IFAD website in both video and text format.
 11. GC46 will be preceded by the sixth global meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD headquarters in Rome, on 9, 10 and 13 February. The closing session of the forum, scheduled for Monday, 13 February, will be open to Governors and Executive Board representatives.
 12. A preliminary timetable for the Governing Council session is attached. The timetable is to be considered a work in progress and therefore subject to change as confirmation of attendance is received.
 13. Finally, the first session of the Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources will take place on Thursday, 16 and Friday, 17 February 2023 at IFAD headquarters. Member States participating in the Consultation, as decided during the deliberations of the Governing Council, will receive the relevant information in due course.

Accelerating action for food security

Tuesday, 14 February	
09.30	<p>Opening and inaugural session Welcoming statement by the Chairperson of the Governing Council</p> <p>Adoption of the agenda (GC 46/L.1)</p>
09.45	<p>Inaugural ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming statement by the Chairperson of the Governing Council • Welcoming statement by Mr Alvaro Lario, President of IFAD • Keynote speakers • Statement by Mr Alvaro Lario, President of IFAD
11.00	<p>Business items to be considered: Agenda item 3: Application for non-original membership (GC 46/L.2) (TBC) Agenda item 5: Report on the Twelfth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (GC 46/L.3)</p>
11.40	<p>Interactive session: Indigenous Peoples' climate leadership: Holistic solutions for well-being and a healthy planet Directly relating to the overarching theme "Accelerating action for food security" and following up to the discussions held at COP27 and the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD, the key message of this interactive session will be that climate action is needed in order to achieve food and nutrition security.</p>
13.00	<p>Lunch in honour of special guests (by invitation) In parallel: Buffet lunch for all delegates</p>
15.00	<p>Interactive session: Making private sector climate adaptation finance work for small-scale producers: Can it be done? Food and economic crises have intensified in terms of frequency and severity and this trend is likely to continue as climate threats escalate and further threaten food security by limiting small-scale producers' yields and resilience. To date, the global response to climate change has focused mostly on mitigation. The session will showcase the importance of identifying ways of scaling up private sector finance from different financiers and local financial institutions to unlock access to climate adaptation finance for small-scale producers.</p>
16.30	<p>High-level dialogue with Governors/launch of IFAD13 Governors will have the opportunity to engage in a discussion around the Governing Council theme "Accelerating action for food security", which will be the strategic thread connecting the sessions and events. The session will be followed by the launch of IFAD13 Consultation.</p>
18.30	Synthesis of deliberations of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum
18.45	Reception for all delegates

Wednesday, 15 February	
09.30	<p>Business items (continued)</p> <p>Agenda item 6: Establishment of the Consultation on the Thirteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (GC 46/L.4)</p> <p>Agenda item 7: Consolidated financial statements of IFAD for 2021 (GC 46/L.5)</p> <p>Agenda item 8: IFAD's 2023 results-based programme of work, regular and capital budgets and medium-term strategic budget outlook for 2024–2025, and the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD's results-based work programme and budget for 2023 and indicative plan for 2024–2025, and the HIPC and PBAS progress reports (GC 46/L.6)</p>
10.45	<p>Interactive session: Youth and agriculture: Accelerating a Just Transition towards green jobs</p> <p>Young people play a vital role in achieving a Just Transition by leveraging their fresh perspectives, innovation, dynamism and energy to spur inclusive green employment opportunities. The session is set up to engage delegates on youth advantage and its potential as a catalyst for a more productive, sustainable, innovative and economically reliable agriculture sector.</p>
12.15	IFAD Talk
13.15	Buffet lunch for all delegates
15.00	<p>Interactive session: Challenges and opportunities in the water-food-energy nexus</p> <p>Water, energy and food systems are deeply connected; urbanization, population growth, unsustainable agricultural practices and weak governance are just some of the factors driving increased demand and often the misuse of critical water, food and energy resources. Agriculture is the largest consumer of the world's freshwater resources, and more than one quarter of the energy used globally is used for food production and supply chains. The session will examine the connections between these three resources; the synergies, conflicts and trade-offs that arise from how they are managed; and the opportunities and pathways for increased investment.</p>
16.30	<p>Business items (continued)</p> <p>Review of the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD (GC 46/L.7)</p>
17.00	<p>Closure of the session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding remarks by the President of IFAD • Closing statement by the Chairperson