

27 August 2021

Distinguished Representative,

I am very pleased to invite you to attend an informal consultation on “Leveraging the Pivotal Role of Public Development Banks (PDB) through the UN Food Systems Summit, the Finance in Common Summit and Beyond”. The event will take place virtually via Zoom on **7 September 2021, from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m, Central European Summer Time (CEST)**. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in all IFAD official languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish).

The informal consultation is co-convened by IFAD, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP). It intends to update Member States of the ongoing efforts around the Food Systems Summit and the second edition of the Finance in Common Summit (FiCS2), especially the evolution of a PDB Platform for Green and Inclusive Food Systems, designed to promote investments at scale for sustainable food system transformation. The session is also meant to seek feedback to inform the next steps for the latter.

During the informal consultation, following opening remarks, there will be an opportunity to answer questions and share ideas and feedback.

The agenda and supporting documentation will be made available on the [IFAD Member States Interactive Platform](#).

Representatives should register online for the informal consultation [here](#). Representatives are reminded of the naming convention for virtual meetings, namely COUNTRY NAME (in capital letters) followed by Surname (first letter capitalized). Upon completion of the registration process, the Zoom meeting link will be sent to representatives. Representatives may also add the meeting to online calendars.

Kindly complete online registration by **Monday, 6 September 2021**.

Accept, Distinguished Representative, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Jiménez-McInnis'.

Luis Jiménez-McInnis  
Secretary of IFAD

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