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## Appointment of the President of IFAD

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For: **Information**

## Appointment of the President of IFAD

1. Under article 6.8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the President of the Fund "*shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further term*". The current President of IFAD, Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze, was appointed at the thirty-second session of the Governing Council, on 18 February 2009, for a first term of office, which will end on 31 March 2013.
2. The Secretary of IFAD sent out a call for nominations to all Member States on 24 September 2012, informing the Governing Council Bureau thereof. Section 6.2 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD (the By-laws) stipulates that all nominations for the office of President shall be submitted no less than 60 days before the opening of the session at which the appointment of the President is to be decided. The deadline for receipt of nominations therefore expired on Saturday, 15 December 2012.
3. IFAD has received one nomination for the position of President of IFAD:
  - Mr Kanayo F. **Nwanze** is the official candidate nominated by the Federal Republic of Nigeria
4. The letter of nomination and curriculum vitae submitted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the candidate are attached as annex I.
5. Section 6.2 of the By-laws also requires the President to communicate timely nominations to all Members and the Bureau of the Governing Council no less than 40 days prior to the session of the Governing Council (i.e. at the latest by 4 January 2013). On 20 December 2012, the Secretary of IFAD, on behalf of the President, communicated the letter of nomination and the curriculum vitae of the candidate for appointment to the position of President to all Member States and to the Bureau of the Governing Council (see annex II).
6. In accordance with article 6.2(c)(vi) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD and section 6.1 of the By-laws, the remuneration of the President is established by the Governing Council. Document GC 36/L.3 submitted to the present session of the Governing Council contains the Report of the Emoluments Committee, which reviewed the overall emoluments and other conditions of employment of the President of IFAD. This document will be discussed before the voting is held.

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The Secretary,  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD),  
Via Paolo di Dono, 44  
00142, Rome, 2  
Italy.

*Dear Secretary,*

**NOMINATION OF NIGERIA'S DR. KANAYO F. NWANZE AS CANDIDATE  
FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR  
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)**

In line with the vacancy announcement for the Office of the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) by the September 2012 Executive Board, as well as your letter of 28 September 2012, I have the honour to inform you that the Federal Government of Nigeria has approved the nomination of Dr. Kanayo F. Nwanze, current President of IFAD, as Nigeria's candidate for re-election as President of the Fund, at the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Governing Council to be held in Rome, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

The nomination of Dr. Nwanze is informed by the huge success which he has accomplished in his first term as President of IFAD. These among others, include:

- (a) The on-going reform on many fronts, including human resources management, administrative efficiency, financial management and organizational effectiveness, which have transformed IFAD into one of the most efficient International Financial Institutions among its peers;
- (b) The successful negotiation of the IFAD9 Replenishment, in which Member States pledged about 25% more than IFAD8 Replenishment;
- (c) The increase in the amount of co-financing by about 140 per cent to a total of 1.6 billion dollars;
- (d) The improvement in disbursement with a record of 457.6 million dollars;
- (e) The expansion of IFAD country presence with 40 country offices approved;



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- (f) The introduction of the first-ever Medium-term Plan which is a three-year rolling work-plan that will help IFAD make the most efficient use of every resource to reduce rural poverty.

Nigeria is very pleased with the institutional reforms mentioned above, IFAD has seen a remarkable transformation and is increasingly seen as an effective institution that focuses on results and impacts on the rural poor.

In the light of remarkable achievements of Dr Kanayo Nwanze, the extra-ordinary transformation that IFAD has witnessed under his leadership and the global acclaim of the impact – driven approach of IFAD, in improving the situation of the small holder farmers around the world, Nigeria will like to count on the support of the Governing Council for the re-election of Dr. Kanayo F. Nwanze.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.



**Dr. Akinwumi Ayodeji Adesina, CON**  
**Honourable Minister**



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### Career Summary

Mr Nwanze is currently the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a United Nations specialized agency and an international financial institution with a mission of “enabling poor rural people to overcome poverty”. He was elected to this post in February 2009 by the member countries of IFAD. Mr Nwanze has over 35 years of extensive experience devoted to the improvement of livelihoods of poor rural communities. Prior to IFAD, he served as Director-General (1996-2006) of the Africa Rice Center (WARDA), a member of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), and held several senior positions at the International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) from 1979 to 1996. He started his international career as a Post-Doctoral Researcher with the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) shortly after his Ph.D. (1975) in agricultural entomology from Kansas State University, Kansas, USA. Mr Nwanze is a member of several scientific associations and a board member of a number of institutions. He has received numerous prizes and awards from governments and international institutions including, in 2012, *Doctorem Scientiae Honoris Causa*, 2012 from the University of Montreal, Distinguished Alumni award from the University of Ibadan, Chevalier de l’Ordre du Mérite Agricole, France, and Officier de l’Ordre National de Valore, Cameroon

### Skills & Competences

Kanayo F. Nwanze is a seasoned leader and manager who transcends the boundaries of his academic training, combining strategic thinking with strong leadership and a well-articulated vision for agricultural development. He has a strong track record in partnership-building in both the public and private sectors, and a thorough knowledge of current international development issues. Over the span of his career, Mr Nwanze has acquired and demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the challenges facing the developing world, and translated a clear, strategic and realistic vision into practice as it relates to leadership in programmes, policy, advocacy and diplomacy.

### Experience & Achievements

April 2009 - Present

*President*  
*International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)*

Summary of Duties      *Chief Executive of the Fund*

Major Achievements      Raising the profile of the Fund to ensure that IFAD and issues pertaining to smallholder agriculture and rural development are a central part of the international development agenda.

Strong advocacy for agriculture and rural development, including a strong vision of smallholder agriculture as a business, allowing for substantial contributions in international forums such as the G8, G20 and the World Economic Forum. Implementation of a results-based change and reform agenda with the establishment of a revitalized management structure, a more inclusive, transparent decision-making process and strengthened financial management.

Increase in IFAD's field presence for the enhancement of direct supervision of projects through an increase in the number of out-posted country programme managers and country offices.

A successful Ninth Replenishment, under the current constrained financial environment, with a 25 per cent increase over IFAD's Eighth Replenishment.

Mobilization of larger amounts of cofinancing from both donors and developing member states. In 2010, cofinancing from external and domestic sources increased by about 140 per cent over 2009.

Delivery of an expanding programme of loans and grants while promoting a higher and faster disbursement of funds, extending IFAD's reach to more rural women and men.

Proactive expansion of the membership of the Fund to 168 member states.

Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food Security, serving as Chair in 2010.

March 2007 -  
March 2009

*Vice President  
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)*

Summary of  
Duties

As Deputy Chief Executive of the Fund, provided overall executive support to the President and reporting offices. As Vice President, participated and supported the development and implementation of a robust suite of strategic objectives embedded in its agriculture and rural development portfolios for strengthening the political and financial support for IFAD among its member states through outreach, advocacy and engagement in the international system for achieving MDG1 while also addressing key challenges of climate change and food security in the context of rising food and commodity prices and bio-fuel production.

Major  
Achievements

Contributed to a revitalized Senior Management Team and the implementation of the reform process. Enhanced group dynamics among Senior Managers.

Constituted a vital force in the implementation of key institutional processes, particularly in areas such as Quality Assurance (QA), Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), and

	<p>Knowledge Management (KM).</p> <p>Oversaw a new QA process and contributed to overall improvement of quality of projects submitted to the Executive Board.</p> <p>Established an array of best practices and steered the development of a corporate policy on ERM.</p> <p>Operationalized the implementation of the KM Strategy approved by the Executive Board through a broad range of participatory approaches.</p> <p>Championed the development of the Rural Poverty Report after 7 years of its first publication in 2001.</p> <p>Enhanced the institutional value of services provided by Offices of the General Counsel and Audit and Oversight.</p>
Nov. 1996- Oct. 2006	<p><i>Director General Africa Rice Center (WARDA)</i></p> <p>Summary of Duties</p> <p>Chief Executive Officer with overall technical, administrative and financial leadership of an international centre of over 40 international and more than 250 regional and local staff located at Headquarters, two substations in West Africa and one in East Africa.</p> <p>Major Achievements</p> <p>Transformed a geographically-constrained institution into an Africa-wide and truly international institution with increased human, capital and financial resources capacity.</p> <p>Established a work environment that encouraged excellence and provided opportunities for staff growth.</p> <p>Grew WARDA's reserves from a deficit to an excess balance within four years with increased unrestricted core support contrary to the trend in the CGIAR.</p> <p>Promoted NERICA rice as a flagship product of the CGIAR, which led to four international awards: King Baudoin Award (2000) and World Food Prize – Monty Jones (2004), Fukui International Koshihikari Rice Prize – Moussa Sie (2006), and UN Award for South-South Partnership (2006).</p> <p>Forged and promoted partnerships at all levels, especially public-private partnerships.</p> <p>Following the Ivorian crisis, transformed adversity into opportunity and raised donor confidence, credibility and profile</p>

of WARDA to unprecedented heights.

As Chair of the CGIAR Centre Directors Committee, demonstrated strong leadership and negotiation skills in fostering programmatic alignments and shared services and in the establishment of the Alliance of CGIAR Centres.

Played a very active role in the transformation of SPAAR to FARA, and chairing the Task Force that developed the SPAAR/FARA Vision for African Agricultural Research.

Jan. 1987 –  
Oct. 1996

*Principal Scientist/Project Team Leader  
International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)*

**Summary of Duties** Research in crop improvement and leading a team of scientists in the development and implementation of ICRISAT's new research portfolio. As leader of the institute's then largest research project [Sorghum Medium Rainfall Project (SG2)], planning, monitoring and evaluation, budgeting, staff development and representation. Acting Program Director in the absence of the head of programs.

**Major Achievements** Set performance standards and devolved responsibilities and therewith, accountability to scientists.

Established in-depth research planning, budgeting, prioritization, and implementation processes and procedures.

Instituted innovative approaches to group dynamics, team motivation, and a transparent and interactive performance appraisal system for senior scientists in Africa and Asia.

Fostered public and private sectors partnerships.

As principal sorghum entomologist (1987-1994) demonstrated scientific and team leadership abilities in research in the development of management strategies for insect pests of sorghum.

Series of publications on the sorghum shoot fly were indicative of ability to foster multi-disciplinary team effort and motivation.

Jan. 1986 –  
Dec. 1986

*Sabbatical Leave from ICRISAT*

Jan. 1986 –

*Adjunct Professor*



Aug. 1986	<p><i>Department of Entomology and Nematology University of Florida at Gainesville, Florida, USA</i></p>
	<p>Co-taught graduate courses in Pest Management; course interactions with International Programs of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and the Center for African Studies</p>
May 1986 – June 1986	<p><i>Foreign Research Associate USDA Insect Biology and Population Management Research Laboratory, Tifton, Georgia, USA</i></p>
Oct. 1986 – Dec. 1986	<p><i>Senior Research Fellow Institut de Recherches Agronomiques Tropicales et des Cultures Vivres (IRAT/CIRAD) Centre de Recherches, Montpellier, France.</i></p>
June 1981 – Dec. 1985	<p><i>Team Leader and Cereal Entomologist, Sahelian Center, Niamey, Niger Acting Director (Jan. – Dec. 1985), ICRISAT West Africa International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</i></p>
	<p>Overall management and administrative responsibility in coordinating ICRISAT's regional activities in West Africa for projects located in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Mali and Senegal. Duties and responsibilities included scientific leadership and coordination of multidisciplinary research teams in Niger in crop improvement, farming systems and economics, and livestock management; negotiations and representation with government and donor agencies.</p> <p>As the first out posted scientist and team leader, undertook the challenge of developing 500 ha of bush land into a research infrastructure with experimental fields, laboratory and office facilities and administrative support services. From an initial four-member ICRISAT staff, the sub-centre grew into an 18-member inter-centre multidisciplinary group of CGIAR and non-CGIAR institutes.</p>
Aug. 1979 – June 1981	<p><i>Principal Cereal Entomologist ICRISAT/UNDP, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso</i></p>
	<p>Conducted research in sorghum and pearl millet crop improvement as part of a multidisciplinary team of six scientists. Backstopped ICRISAT scientists in Burkina Faso, Niger and northern Nigeria in the development of improved crop management systems. Pest surveys conducted in collaboration with national partners.</p>
Jan. 1977 – June 1979	<p><i>Principal Entomologist (Roots and Tubers) IITA/INERA, M'vuazi, Democratic Republic of Congo International Institute of Tropical Agriculture</i></p>
	<p>As the first out-posted field entomologist, pioneered path-breaking research on the cassava mealy bug and the green spider mite. Initiated studies on the biological control of the cassava mealy bug and made the first introductions of exotic natural enemies into Zaire (DR Congo).</p>
Feb. 1976 – Dec. 1976	<p><i>Post-Doctoral Research Entomologist International Institute of Tropical Agriculture</i></p>
	<p>Conducted field and laboratory studies on insect pests of grain legumes. Held a simultaneous appointment as Honorary Research Fellow/Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Biology, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.</p>

## Education

- 1975 - Ph.D. Agricultural Entomology -Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA, 1975
- 1973 - M.Sc. Agricultural Entomology  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA
- 1971 - B.Sc. (Honours) Agricultural Biology  
University of Ibadan, Nigeria

## Languages

English: Fluent with excellent reading and writing skills  
 French: Spoken with very good reading and modest writing skills  
 German: Slightly spoken  
 African Languages: Ibo and Yoruba

## Honours & Awards

McGill University *Doctorem Scientiae Honoris Causa*, 2012  
 University of Ibadan Distinguished Alumni, 2012  
 Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole, France, 2012  
 Officier de l'Ordre National de Valore, Cameroon 2012  
 Officier de l'Ordre National du Burkina Faso, 2011  
 Member, National Academy of Science and Technology of Senegal, 2011  
 Kansas State University Distinguished Alumni Award, 2010  
 Commandeur du Mérite Agricole, Cote d'Ivoire, 2009  
 Officier de l'Ordre National du Benin, 2007  
 Congressional Honor, First Africa Rice Congress, 2006  
 Commandeur de l'Ordre du Mérite Ivoirien, Cote d'Ivoire, 2001  
 Fellow, African Association of Insect Scientists, 1997  
 Ford Foundation Post-graduate scholarship, 1972-1975  
 The Shell Company "Outstanding Student Award", 1970  
 Departmental Award for "Outstanding Student", 1969  
 University of Ibadan Scholarship Award, 1969-1971

## Professional Affiliations

African Crop Science Society  
 Association of Applied Biologists  
 African Association of Insect Scientists  
 Entomological Society of Nigeria  
 Entomological Association of Southern Africa  
 Chair, Board of Directors, Africa Harvest Biotech Foundation International, Kenya (2003-2009)

## Media & Publications

Contributor to and interviews with international print and digital media, including the *Financial Times*, *Le Monde*, *Bloomberg*, *Huffington Post* and *Project Syndicate*. Over 50 refereed journal articles, 40 peer-reviewed conference papers, several books and book chapters, and numerous keynote papers and addresses.

(Below is a selected list of publications – Detailed list available upon request)

**Nwanze, K.F.** 2012. Ensuring Global Food Security: Unlocking the potential of smallholder agriculture. Margaret A. Gilliam Lecture Series in Food Security, McGill Institute for Global Food Security, November 2012,

Montreal, Canada.

- Nwanze, K.F.** 2012. Foresight and partnership for innovation and impact on smallholder livelihoods. Keynote address at the Second Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development, October 2012, Punta del Este, Uruguay.
- Nwanze, K.F.** 2012. Viewpoint: Growing peace through development. IFAD, October 2012.
- Nwanze, K.F.** 2012. Urban and rural development: Sustainability for all. BioVision Alexandria, April 2012, Alexandria, Egypt.
- Nwanze, K.F.** 2011. Viewpoint: Smallholders can feed the world. IFAD, February 2011.
- Nwanze, K. F.** 2010. Viewpoint: Change Africa from within. IFAD, April 2010.
- Nwanze, K. F.** 2010. Shaping the Future of Agriculture Together: The case for enhanced support to ARD. Keynote address at the Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development, March 2010, Montpellier, France.
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20 December 2012

Distinguished Governor

On behalf of the President of IFAD, I have the honour to refer to article 6.8(a) of the Agreement Establishing IFAD regarding the appointment of the President of IFAD by the Governing Council.

At its thirty-second session (18-19 February 2009), the Governing Council decided to appoint Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze for a four-year term of office as President of IFAD for a period that ends on 31 March 2013. It is therefore incumbent upon the Governing Council, at its thirty-sixth session, to consider the appointment of the President of IFAD.

The procedure for the nomination of candidates for President is set out in section 6.2 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD ("the By-laws"), and was communicated to you on 24 September 2012. This section specifies that such nominations shall be submitted no less than 60 days before the opening of the session at which the appointment of the President is to be decided. Nominations shall be communicated to all Member States of IFAD and to the Bureau of the Governing Council no less than 40 days prior to the session of the Council.

Since the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council will be held in Rome from 13 to 14 February 2013, the period of 60 days prescribed by section 6.2 of the By-laws for accepting nominations ended on 15 December 2012.

I wish to inform you that IFAD has received one nomination for the position of President of IFAD:

- Mr Kanayo F. **Nwanze** is the official candidate nominated by the Federal Republic of Nigeria

A copy of the letter of nomination from the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, together with the curriculum vitae of the nominee, is attached. This letter and its attachment may also be viewed on IFAD's Member States Interactive Platform at <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/president>.

The Governing Council will take up the appointment of the President of IFAD under item 6 of its provisional agenda, which has been dispatched to all Governors.

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

Paolo Ciocca  
 Secretary of IFAD