Programme

14-15 FEBRUARY 2017
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Introduction

IFAD’s 40th Governing Council takes place at a critical moment for the Fund and for the world. The 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals offer the hope of eliminating hunger and poverty, and also highlight the need to scale up investment and results in smallholder agricultural development. But at the same time new challenges have emerged that will test our collective capacity and commitment to achieve the SDGs.

Protracted national and regional conflicts, persistent poverty, and environmental degradation are contributing to global migrant flows, with the number of people forcibly displaced by conflict and persecution reaching historic highs. In this context IFAD finds itself facing important strategic choices.

Luckily IFAD is stronger than ever due to increased institutional capacity, which reflects the cumulative effects of the institutional reform undertaken over the past ten or more years.

The 40th Governing Council will appoint a new President of IFAD, who will lead the Fund as it continues to provide strategic and catalytic investments to support the transformation of rural areas.

FOR INFORMATION
On Thursday 16 and Friday, 17 February 2017, IFAD will hold the first session of the Consultation on the Eleventh Replenishment of IFAD’s Resources (Italian Conference Room)
Registration and accreditation

All members of official delegations and all observers are kindly requested to register and pick up their Governing Council Pass immediately upon arrival, in the registration area located in the atrium.

Delegates are required to wear their passes at all times within the Plenary Hall and to gain access to the meeting area.

Registration will begin on Monday 13 February, from 8.30 to 17.00, and continue on Tuesday 14 February, from 8.00 to 19.30, and on Wednesday, 15 February from 8.00 until the closure of the session.

Journalists are requested to send an email to IFADnewsroom@ifad.org, to obtain an accreditation form.

Conference area and session hours

The plenary sessions of the Governing Council will take place in the Plenary Hall situated at the left-hand side of the atrium. Other conference facilities are located on minus 1 level and consist of:

- Italian Conference Room
- Oval Room
- Executive Dining Room

Delegates are kindly reminded to turn off mobile telephones before entering meeting rooms.

For information on emergency procedures in the Plenary Hall, please consult the infographic issued at registration and available at your seat/desk in the Hall itself.
**Wi-Fi**

Wi-Fi facilities are available in all meeting rooms. You may connect to the `ifad_guest` network using `ifadguest` as password. Delegates may use computers provided in the Internet cafe located near the bar in the conference area.

**Social media**

The fortieth session of the IFAD Governing Council is an interactive event thanks to a number of social media components. Social reporters will keep the outside world informed through blogs, tweets, interviews and pictures on the following IFAD social media channels:

- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ifadnews](http://www.twitter.com/ifadnews)
- Blogger: [ifad-un.blogspot.com](http://ifad-un.blogspot.com)
- YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/IFADTV](http://www.youtube.com/user/IFADTV)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/IFAD](http://www.facebook.com/IFAD)
- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/ifadnews](http://www.instagram.com/ifadnews)

To stimulate the conversation, live tweets will be displayed on the Twitter wall in the Plenary Hall and in the atrium. Delegates are encouraged to share their ideas, views and insights via social media channels using the following hashtags:

- Third global meeting of the Indigenous Peoples’ Forum at IFAD on 10 and 13 February: #WeAreIndigenous
- Fortieth session of the Governing Council: #IFADgc

The virtual audience can follow the proceedings and interact with the prominent guests and panellists on the above social media channels and via webcasting.

**Webcasting**

Plenary sessions, high-level panels and side events of the fortieth session of the Governing Council taking place in the Plenary Hall and the Italian Conference Room will be webcast at:

- [www.ifad.org/gc40](http://www.ifad.org/gc40)

Participants who do not have a seat in the Plenary Hall may follow the proceedings via webcast or video link in the Executive Dining Room.

The Governors’ Dialogue will be held in the Italian Conference Room and webcast in the Plenary Hall.

**Minus 1 level**
Reception hosted by IFAD

The President of IFAD will host a reception on Tuesday, 14 February 2017, in the IFAD lounge. All delegates and observers are invited and will receive invitation cards upon registration. The event will provide all delegates with the opportunity to network informally. You are kindly reminded to present your invitation card or Governing Council Pass at the Main entrance if re-entering the premises.

Networking breakfast

Delegates are invited to a networking breakfast which will take place in the Lounge area on Wednesday, 15 February from 8.30 to 9.00 in advance of the second day of the Governing Council.

Coffee and lunch

Coffee, light beverages, sandwiches and pastries are available in the cafeteria on the ground floor and at the bar in the conference area. The cafeteria will remain open until the end of proceedings on the days of the Governing Council session.

The cafeteria on the ground floor serves lunch from 12.00 until 14.30. A list of nearby restaurants and self-service cafeterias is available at the information desk.

Security

A security perimeter will be established around the meeting site. Strict security measures will be implemented at the entrance and inside the building. Metal detectors and x-ray machines for baggage scanning will be in operation at all entrances to the meeting site. Security staff are instructed to allow entry only to persons in possession of a Governing Council Pass issued by IFAD.

To ensure the safety of all participants, security passes must be displayed at all times in the venues. Under no circumstances should your security pass be lent to another participant. Delegates are reminded to wear their security badge at all times and never to leave briefcases or any valuable items unattended at the meeting site.

Banking facilities

A branch of the Banca Popolare di Sondrio is located on the ground floor. The bank is open from 8.30 to 13.30 and from 14.30 to 16.00.

Medical services

The IFAD nurse will be on the premises during the session. In addition, arrangements have been made with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to provide other medical services, if required. Such services should be requested through the IFAD nurse.

Parking and transportation

Vehicles will not be allowed to enter the premises. Delegates may be dropped off in front of the IFAD Headquarters main entrance where the local authorities will be assisting with traffic control. An alternative parking area will be reserved at via Paolo di Dono 145 for vehicles in possession of CD plates.

A morning shuttle bus service is available from 7.40 to 9.25 between the Laurentina metro station and IFAD headquarters. The evening service between IFAD headquarters and the Laurentina metro runs as follows:

- 14 February from 16.45 to 22.35
- 15 February from 16.45 to 18.50

The pick-up and drop-off point at Laurentina station is viale Luca Gaurico 9-11, on the main road behind the station, while the IFAD drop-off and pick-up point is the yellow bus stop adjacent to the main entrance of the guardhouse (between via Paolo di Dono 50 and 44).
For information on emergency procedures at IFAD HQ, please consult the infographics poster on each floor.
### Monday, 13 February

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**Wednesday, 15 February**

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*Appointment of the President of IFAD*

In a private meeting of the Governing Council, Delegates from the Member States of the organization will elect the new President of IFAD. As stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council (Rule 38.1), this process will take place by secret ballot, with each Member State casting their allocated number of votes. Consecutive ballots are held, in which the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in the previous round does not appear on the next ballot, until a candidate secures two thirds of the votes or is appointed by acclamation.

Plenary Hall: www.ifad.org/gc40
Indigenous Peoples’ Forum: www.ifad.org/ipforum
THIRD GLOBAL MEETING OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ FORUM AT IFAD

The Indigenous Peoples’ Forum at IFAD convenes for its third global meeting in Rome on 11 and 13 February, just before the fortieth session of the Governing Council. The meeting continues a unique dialogue and consultation between IFAD and indigenous peoples’ representatives at the national, regional and international levels. This year, the Forum focuses on the economic empowerment of indigenous peoples, particularly women and youth.

To prepare for the global meeting, IFAD organized regional workshops in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific. Participants identified challenges and opportunities for indigenous peoples in pursuing economic empowerment and formulated action-oriented recommendations. They also assessed the progress of implementation of the IFAD Policy on Engagement with Indigenous Peoples. Their work informs discussions at the Forum.

The 2017 Forum coincides with the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). It will highlight IFAD’s engagement with indigenous peoples during the past decade within the context of the implementation of the UNDRIP, and brainstorm on future opportunities to improve IFAD’s work within the 2030 Development Agenda.

These and other issues are high on the agenda for the global meeting of the Forum. Regional action plans and a synthesis of deliberations from the Forum will be presented to Member States at the Governing Council on 15 February.

Join the conversation on social media and tag tweets, updates, photos and videos with #WeAreIndigenous and #IFADgc
Launch: IFAD Journal of Law and Rural Development
Govern Council participants are invited to an event to celebrate the launch of the Journal of Law and Rural Development. The Journal is a key element of IFAD’s knowledge management strategy which will disseminate the experience and best practice of IFAD and other related organizations in the promotion of national legal reforms that contribute to rural development. It is expected to serve as a reference book and a tool kit for policy makers and practitioners, and will be published annually. The theme of the first issue of the Journal is legal and development issues related to land. The President of IFAD, Kanayo F. Nwanze, will officially launch the Journal.

Briefing by Germany on the G20 Presidency
The briefing will provide an overview of the 2017 G20 Summit in Hamburg. The focus will be on the main topics of the Summit in conjunction with the deliverables of the Development Agenda – agriculture, food security and nutrition, rural youth employment and innovation. The briefing will conclude with a question and answer session.

International Center for Tropical Agriculture at 50
Banking on science: A pathway to prosperity
In 2017, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) is celebrating fifty years of agricultural research and development impact. In leveraging its research for climate-smart agriculture, CIAT can contribute to meeting the growing demand for food and resources while offering profitable pathways out of poverty. This will be an opportunity to hear about case studies and stories from the field that illustrate how innovation harnessed by investment is delivering results for farmers, communities and policy makers. IFAD and CIAT will also sign a Statement of Intent on this occasion.

Briefing by Italy on the G7 Presidency
The briefing will introduce the key priorities and target areas of the G7 Italian Presidency, which include sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition. It will also look at the other challenges to be tackled during the Presidency, such as migration and women’s access to land and financial resources. The briefing will conclude with a question and answer session.
Governors’ Dialogue: IFAD’s path to 2030

The Governors’ Dialogue this year is focused on the theme IFAD’s Path to 2030. The Governors will exchange perspectives and viewpoints on the critical choices and challenges that lie ahead if IFAD is to optimize its contribution to the achievement by 2030 of the SDGs.

Governors

- The Honourable Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, Minister for Finance of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh
- Her Excellency Hadizatou Rosine Coulibaly, Minister for Economy and Finance of Burkina Faso
- Her Excellency Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klée, Ambassador, General Director Multilateral and Economic Relations, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guatemala to the United Nations agencies in Rome
- Mr Hans Jacob Frydenlund, Director, Section for United Nations Policy, Department for United Nations and Humanitarian Affairs of the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator

Ms Lyse Doucet, Chief International Correspondent, BBC

Featured presenter

Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer and Head of Mission, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

Reception

The President of IFAD will host a reception in the lounge opposite the Plenary Hall. The World Association of Chefs’ Societies (WorldChefs) will provide a buffet with a menu that reflects different cultural influences and has a global culinary concept that also preserves sustainability principles. Some of the locally sourced ingredients (in Italy) are from producers in the regions affected by the recent earthquakes. There will also be an Asian corner that will feature spices and dishes from this region.

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