From fragility to long-term resilience: Investing in sustainable rural economies

Governing Council 2018
Draft schedule of events
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Day 1 of the Governing Council

Tuesday, 13 February 2018

9.30 Opening of the session of the forty-first Governing Council

Adoption of the agenda
Election of the Governing Council Bureau

10.00 Inaugural ceremony

Welcoming statement by Mr Gilbert F. Houngbo, President of IFAD

H.E. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations (video message)

H.E. Sheikh Hasina
Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

H.E. José Berley Arista Arbildo
Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of the Republic of Peru on behalf of
H.E. Pedro Pablo Kuczynski Godard, President of the Republic of Peru

Statement by Mr Gilbert F. Houngbo, President of IFAD

11.30 Business items for approval and information

13.00 Lunch in honour of special guests and to welcome heads of Member State delegations (by invitation)

15.00 IFAD Lecture: We need to talk about state fragility

Introduction by Ms Cornelia Richter, Vice-President of IFAD

Mr J.J. Messner
Executive Director, The Fund for Peace

Moderator: Mr Paul Winters, Associate Vice-President, ad interim, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD
16.00 **Interactive Session 1 – From fragility to long-term resilience**

- Mr Helder da Costa  
  General Secretary of the g7+ Secretariat

- H.E. Said Hussein Iid  
  Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of the Federal Republic of Somalia

- Ms Majida Mcheik  
  Chief, Programme Department, Ministry of Agriculture of the Lebanese Republic

- Mr Kaushik Barua  
  Acting Country Programme Manager for Somalia, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, IFAD

- Mr Tarek Kotb  
  Country Programme Manager for Lebanon, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, IFAD

Moderator: Mr Périn Saint-Ange, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD

17.45 **Business items for approval and information**

18.30 **Reception for all delegates in collaboration with the World Association of Chefs’ Societies (Worldchefs)**

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**Day 2 of the Governing Council**

**Wednesday, 14 February 2018**

8.30 Networking breakfast

9.30 **A perspective on fragility**

Introduction by Mr Gilbert F. Houngbo, President of IFAD

H.E. Dr Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR, former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

10.15 **Business items for approval and information**

11:30 **Interactive Session 2 – Multilateralism: Opportunities and challenges**

- Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki  
  Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency

- H.E. Martha Elena Federica Bárcena Coqui  
  Ambassador and Permanent Representative to Rome-based United Nations Organizations of the United Mexican States
• Mr David Nabarro
  Director, Skills Systems and Synergies for Sustainable Development (4SD)

• Mr Alvaro Lario
  Associate Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Controller, Financial Operations Department, IFAD

Moderator: Mr Johannes F. Linn, Non-resident Senior Fellow in the Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings Institution; Distinguished Resident Scholar, Emerging Markets Forum; Senior Advisor, Results for Development Institute and Chairperson of the Consultation on the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Replenishments of IFAD’s Resources

13.00 Buffet lunch for all participants
14.30 **Business items for approval and information**
15:30 **Interactive Session 3 – Investing in rural youth**

- Mr Iurie Usurelu
  Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova

- Mr Dominik Ziller
  Director-General, International Development Policy, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) of the Federal Republic of Germany

- Ms Rita Kimani
  Chief Executive Officer, FarmDrive, Republic of Kenya

- Mr Sebastián Pedraza
  Member, National Rural Youth Network, Republic of Colombia

- Ms Mai Thin Yu Mon
  Representative, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus

Moderator: Mr Paul Winters, Associate Vice-President, ad interim, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD

17.00 **Other business**
17.15 **Concluding remarks by the President of IFAD and Chairperson**
18.00 **Closure of the session**