

Investing in rural people Investir dans les populations rurales Invertir en la población rural الاستثمار في السكان الريفيين

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

Governing Council 2018 Draft schedule of events Updated: 9 February 2018

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)

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