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The forty-third session of the Governing Council will include dedicated slots for conversations with Governors on three topics. To facilitate the discussions, guiding questions for each topic have been prepared by Management, as set out below. These questions are circulated in advance of the session to encourage active participation by the Governors.

I. Investing in Sustainable Food Systems to End Hunger by 2030: A conversation with IFAD's Governors

1. At the 2019 SDG Summit, world leaders called for a decade of action to deliver the SDGs by 2030. What role do food systems play in this call to action? What do we want our food systems of the future to look like?
2. What can IFAD do to best support countries to make their food systems more inclusive, sustainable, nutritious, efficient, and resilient?

II. The Role of IFAD12 in the achievement of the SDGs

3. How can IFAD be most effective in supporting Member States to achieve the SDGs and deliver on its ambition of doubling impact by 2030?
4. Now, at the beginning of the Decade of Action on the SDGs, what can we do to raise the profile of the IFAD12 replenishment and ensure strong political and financial support for the Fund?

III. Trends in Development Financing: Questions and new challenges

5. Rising debt vulnerability among IFAD borrowers could jeopardize the development goals of these countries at a critical time in the lead-up to the 2030 Agenda. How can IFAD support these countries while ensuring sustainable financing?
6. IFAD is now providing differentiated financing options to countries. Moreover, IFAD will soon start a credit rating process. What new product offer, pricing or options would you suggest for IFAD to enable it to better support its borrowers?