



Date
12 February 2025

Time
10.30–12.30

Info
Location:
IFAD HQ (Plenary Hall)
Moderator:
International journalist,
Ms Lerato Mbele

CENTRE STAGE EVENT

Unlocking the potential of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

Under Brazil's presidency of the G20 in 2024, the flagship [Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty](#) was launched, placing food security, poverty eradication and inequality reduction at the forefront of the development agenda. The Alliance focuses on rural communities and aims to drive partnerships to support evidence-based, country-owned programmes that address SDGs 1 and 2.

As one of the founding members, IFAD is organizing a Centre Stage Event on the Alliance, dedicated to exploring its **operationalization**, discussing **implementation** and advancing **commitments**. The event will feature high-level representatives from governments and civil society.

Event Highlights

Opening remarks by Mr Alvaro Lario, President of IFAD and His Excellency, Wellington Dias, Minister for Development and Social Assistance, Family and the Fight Against Hunger of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Panel discussion on the operationalization of the Alliance. Country representatives will provide insights and share their perspectives on country-level needs, policy reforms and successful practices that align with the Alliance's overarching goals.

Invited panellists

- The Honourable Hussein Bashe, Minister for Agriculture of the United Republic of Tanzania
- The Honourable Senator Abubakar Kyari, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Her Excellency Chanthakhone Boualaphanh, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forestry of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Ms Hege Haaland, Deputy Director General Department for Sustainable Development, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

After the panel discussion, the audience will hear from **an Indigenous Peoples' representative** about the critical role of inclusive leadership in rural areas and its importance for policymaking. An **interactive session with Governors** will follow, during which participants will be encouraged to highlight their countries' contributions to the Alliance, announce specific commitments, and offer actionable recommendations for its implementation. Discussions will also address the challenges of mobilizing resources for rural development, while exploring ways in which IFAD can enhance its support to Member States.

The event is intended to inspire collaboration and concerted efforts to ensure that the Alliance achieves measurable outcomes for vulnerable rural communities around the world.