

GOVERNING COUNCIL 2025



Date
13 February 2025

Time
09.00–09.15

Info
Location:
IFAD HQ (Plenary Hall)

CELEBRATION EVENT RBA Award of Excellence

The Rome-based agencies (RBAs) – FAO, IFAD and WFP – proudly present the 2024 RBA Award of Excellence, honouring transformative country-level collaborations that drive progress on food security, resilience and rural development. This year's theme, **Country-level collaboration for catalysing impact**, celebrates innovative solutions and partnerships that advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This special event will highlight two remarkable achievements at country level. In Peru, a ground-breaking procurement law has empowered 200,000 smallholder farmers and transformed food systems. In the Pacific region, small island developing states SIDS are working together to drive gender equality and climate-smart practices.

The event will feature opening remarks by QU Dongyu, Director-General of FAO, and Cindy McCain, Executive Director of WFP, and a prestigious Award presented by Álvaro Lario, President of IFAD. This celebration promises to inspire, showcase impactful collaboration and emphasize the power of partnerships in creating lasting change.