

GOVERNING COUNCIL 2025



Date
13 February 2025

Time
15.00–16.30

Info
Location:
IFAD HQ (Plenary Hall)

Moderator:
Ms Lerato Mbele, International
journalist

GOVERNORS' DIALOGUE South-South and Triangular Cooperation

In line with the IFAD13 vision for inclusive and sustainable rural transformation, IFAD is strengthening its work in South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) to enhance the sharing of knowledge, innovation and capacity-building among its partner countries.

The event will showcase how this modality contributes to agricultural and rural development, highlighting IFAD's leadership and Member States' engagement in SSTC.

The discussion will emphasize the need for greater multilateral commitment to expanding South-South partnerships and to fully harnessing the potential of SSTC to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Event Highlights

The event will begin with a **keynote** address by Mr Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Department for Country Operations, highlighting the role of SSTC as a strategic modality to complement and enhance development cooperation for greater impact in agricultural and rural transformation.

A **high-level panel** featuring representatives of IFAD Member States will discuss their engagement in SSTC and share their perspectives on its role in building inclusive and sustainable rural development. The panel will explore opportunities for scaling up SSTC, discuss lessons learned from past experiences and identify strategies to strengthen partnerships for greater impact.

Panellists:

- Her Excellency Carla Barroso Carneiro, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Federative Republic of Brazil to IFAD
- Mr Liao Min, Vice-Minister of Finance of the People's Republic of China
- Ms Manisha Sinha, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of India
- Mr Mostafa Ibrahim Ali ElSayad, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- His Excellency, Bernardo Luís De Carvalho Futscher Pereira, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Portuguese Republic to IFAD

An open-floor discussion will provide Member State representatives and partners with an opportunity to share their experiences and perspectives on SSTC's role in shaping a resilient food system and achieving the SDGs.