



Date
10 February 2026

Time
17.00–18.00

Info
Location:
Plenary Hall, open to all
delegates

Moderator
Claudia ten Have
Secretary of IFAD

SPECIAL EVENT ON REMITTANCES

Decade of the International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)

The year 2026 marks more than a decade since the **International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)** was proclaimed by IFAD's Governing Council in 2015, offering a strategic opportunity to reflect on the transformational journey.

Over the past decade, IFAD has led the global remittance agenda, mobilizing governments, the private sector, international organizations and civil society through annual observances and campaigns. This action has spurred private sector engagement, strengthened multilateral support – including adoption by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 of the resolution on the International Day of Family Remittances (A/RES/72/281). It has also influenced key global processes such as the Global Compact for Migration and Financing for Development. At country level, the IDFR has helped integrate remittances into national financial inclusion and rural development strategies. Given that the theme of the 2026 Governing Council is focused on youth, this event is particularly timely. **Remittances play a critical role in strengthening young people's resilience, financial inclusion, and employment opportunities, while helping address the drivers of distressed migration.**

Event Highlights

The session will take stock of the IDFR journey and its results to date and will reaffirm IFAD's pioneering role and long-standing commitment to leveraging remittances as a driver of rural transformation. High-level Member State representatives, renowned experts and members of the diaspora will highlight the role of remittances in economic resilience and inclusive growth, sharing lessons learned, best practices, and concrete actions that strengthen their transformative impact for families and communities back home.

Distinguished speakers and contributors

IFAD: Ms Pieterneel Boogaard, Managing Director, Office of Technical Delivery, IFAD

Pakistan: His Excellency Rana Tanveer Hussain, Governor of IFAD, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research of Pakistan

Algeria: His Excellency Mohamed Khelifi, Alternate Governor of IFAD, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations Specialized Agencies in Rome

Guatemala: Her Excellency Olga María Pérez Tuna, Governor of IFAD, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Guatemala to the United Nations Agencies in Rome

Philippines: His Excellency Nathaniel G. Imperial, Alternate Governor of IFAD, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Agencies in Rome

European Union: His Excellency Martin Selmayr, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the European Union to the Rome-based UN Organizations

France: His Excellency Tanguy Stehelin, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the FAO, the WFP and IFAD

Luxembourg: Mr Georges Ternes, Director General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid

Spain: Mr Antón Leis García, Director of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)

Civil Society: Mr Cleophas Adrien Dioma, President of the Association Le Réseau and Executive President of ItaliAfrica Business Week (iabw)