

Member States to nominate candidates for next IFAD President

1. Under the direction of IFAD's governing bodies, the President of IFAD is responsible for conducting the business of the Fund and for organizing its work. The President is the chairperson of the Executive Board, whose membership consists of representatives of IFAD's Member States.
2. The President of IFAD has the same rank, namely Under-Secretary-General, as the elected heads of other major United Nations specialized agencies. S/he is a member of the United Nations Chief Executives Board, which is chaired by the United Nations Secretary-General, and which guides the coordination of the work of the United Nations system as a whole.
3. The President of IFAD is appointed for four years with a two-term limit of eight years. The current President of IFAD is Mr Alvaro Lario.
4. In accordance with the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the Governing Council of IFAD will appoint a President at the fiftieth session, on 2 February 2027. The President must be elected by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes. The elected President will take office on 1 April 2027.
5. Nominations of candidates for the President of IFAD are put forward by Member States of the Fund and must be received by the Secretary of IFAD by midnight, 24 November 2026, Rome time.
6. Candidates for the position should meet the following criteria:
 - Strategic leadership skills based on knowledge and experience of development issues
 - Strong demonstrated commitment to all the objectives of the Fund
 - Communication and advocacy skills to influence decision makers at the highest level, including ministers and heads of other development agencies
 - Ability to build and maintain a cohesive and effective top management team
 - Experience in managing substantial financial resources
7. IFAD promotes an open, fair, equitable and transparent electoral process.

More information on nomination and appointment procedures can be found on the [Member States Interactive Platform](#)