

31 March 2022

**SUBJECT: Appointment of the President of IFAD**

Distinguished Governor,

Further to my communication dated 30 March 2022 regarding the call for nominations for the office of President of IFAD, I have the honour to attach herewith:

- (a) A copy of the announcement regarding the appointment of the President, which has been posted on the IFAD website and on the Member States Interactive Platform; and
- (b) A copy of the press release on the same subject, which was issued on 30 March 2022.

In accordance with established practice, this documentation is made available to all Governors for use in any communications in which they wish to engage, in view of the forthcoming appointment of the President of IFAD.

Allow me to reiterate that further information on the procedures and modalities for the appointment of the President of IFAD is available on the IFAD website and on the [Member States Interactive Platform](#). Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone on +39 06 54592254 or by e-mail at [elections@ifad.org](mailto:elections@ifad.org).

Accept, Distinguished Governor, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Luis Jiménez-McInnis  
Secretary of IFAD

Governors of the International  
Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)  
and respective recipients of copies for information

## **INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)**

### **FORTHCOMING APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF IFAD, 7 JULY 2022**

#### **IFAD**

1. IFAD is an international financial institution and a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was established in 1977 as a partnership of the member states of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and other developing countries. Its membership currently comprises 177 countries.
2. IFAD's goal is to enable poor rural people to improve their food and nutrition security, increase their incomes and strengthen their resilience. It provides concessional financing to developing countries and works directly with poor rural people, including youth, women and indigenous peoples. It works in partnership with its Member States and multilateral and bilateral partners in the global effort to achieve global food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture.
3. IFAD, like other international financial institutions, mobilizes core resources through periodic replenishments from its Member States and by mobilizing additional funding from other sources. Since 1978, it has provided about US\$23.2 billion in grants and low-interest loans to projects that have reached some 518 million people.

## IFAD's President

4. 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.
5. The President of IFAD has the same rank 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 UN Secretary-General, and which guides the coordination of the work of the UN system as a whole.
6. The President of IFAD is appointed for four years with a two-term limit of eight years. The current President of IFAD is Mr Gilbert F. Hounbo.
7. In accordance with the Agreement Establishing IFAD, the Governing Council of IFAD will appoint a new President at a special session on 7 July 2022. The elected President will take office on 1 October 2022.
8. 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, 6 May 2022, Rome time.

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

**Member States to nominate candidates for next IFAD President**

Rome, 30 March 2022 – At a time when global food security is becoming a rising concern for governments around the world, the [International Fund for Agricultural Development](#) (IFAD) today announced a call to its 177 Member States to nominate candidates for the Fund’s next President.

IFAD is a specialized United Nations agency and international financial institution focused on the alleviation of rural poverty and hunger.

The President is IFAD’s most senior position with responsibility for leading the organization and chairing its Executive Board. Nominations for President can only be made by IFAD Member States and must be received by the Secretary of IFAD no later than 6 May 2022.

The President will lead IFAD at a crucial time. Fears that rising food and fuel prices - worsened by the current conflict in Ukraine - could lead to a global food crisis are running high, with the world’s poorest rural people likely to be hardest hit. Small-scale producers are already reeling from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, droughts, cyclones and other natural disasters. Their incomes are expected to be affected by the rising cost of inputs, reduced food supplies and disrupted markets. This is also likely to have devastating and long-term impacts on their nutrition and food security.

IFAD plays a crucial role in increasing the resilience of rural small-scale producers to shocks, and ensuring that they can continue to grow food and earn incomes. The Fund’s investments in climate adaptation and sustainable food systems are helping to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals to eradicate hunger and poverty.

Following the nomination process, the appointment of the next President will take place on 7 July 2022 during the first special session of the IFAD Governing Council. The Governing Council is IFAD's principle governing body with full decision-making powers.

The President of IFAD serves a four-year term, renewable once. The newly appointed President will take office on 1 October 2022.

More information on nomination and appointment procedures can be found on the IFAD website at: <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/president>

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Note to editors:

Past IFAD Presidents:

1. Abdelmuhsin M. Al-Sudeary (Kingdom of Saudia Arabia) - appointed in 1977
2. Idriss Jazairy (People's Democratic Republic of Algeria) - appointed in 1984
3. Fawzi Al-Sultan (State of Kuwait) - appointed in 1993
4. Lennart Båge (Kingdom of Sweden) - appointed in 2001
5. Kanayo F. Nwanze (Federal Republic of Nigeria) - appointed in 2009
6. Gilbert F. Hougbo (Togolese Republic) – appointed in 2017

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*IFAD invests in rural people, empowering them to reduce poverty, increase food security, improve nutrition and strengthen resilience. Since 1978, we have provided US\$23.2 billion in grants and low-interest loans to projects that have reached an estimated 518 million people. IFAD is an international financial institution and a United Nations specialized agency based in Rome – the United Nations food and agriculture hub.*

*A wide range of photographs of IFAD's work in rural communities are available for download from its [Image Bank](#)*

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