

Call for nominations and expressions of interest for the External Chair of the Consultation on the Fourteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources

Every three years, IFAD's Member States come together to review the Fund's performance, agree on future directions and priorities, and replenish its resources in a process known as the replenishment consultation. The Consultation on the Fourteenth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources (IFAD14) is expected to begin in February 2026 and conclude by February 2027.

IFAD is seeking an External Chair to oversee the IFAD14 Consultation and support the achievement of a positive outcome for IFAD, its Member States, and above all its target group, the 3 billion rural people living in developing countries whose livelihoods directly or indirectly depend on farming. Details of the role, selection criteria, timeline and process are set forth below.

Role of the External Chair

The responsibilities of the IFAD14 Chair include:

- Chair formal consultation sessions;
- Facilitate the consultation meetings, discussions and deliberations, with the support of the Secretariat;
- Review draft documentation and reports prepared for each consultation session;
- With the support of the Secretariat, synthesize discussions and prepare the Chair's summary of each meeting concisely and accurately, reflecting the status of negotiations;
- Lead and facilitate discussions and negotiations among the Membership, as well as between IFAD's leadership and the Membership, to build consensus in order to achieve successful outcomes for the review of the adequacy of the resources of the Fund; and
- Mobilize external support for IFAD, including at the political level within Member States, in collaboration with the respective delegates and IFAD Management.

The appointed Chair will enjoy the status of expert serving on committees and performing missions for IFAD, pursuant to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, Annex XVI. This will ensure that the Chair shall be granted a certain degree of Privileges and Immunities in the performance of their duties.

Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria will be applied:

- Knowledge of multilateral development banks and their processes, including
 - Knowledge of the replenishment process; and
 - Ability to understand the technical and development issues discussed during the Consultation sessions, including familiarity with development finance institutions' funding methodologies and with capital markets.
- Experience in chairing high-level international meetings effectively, including the ability to:
 - Help reconcile varying points of view on complex issues;
 - Assist with ensuring clarity in the discussion; and
 - Be impartial.

- Demonstrated leadership and global recognition in areas relevant to IFAD's mandate, including agricultural development and poverty reduction, and the ability to engage with high-level decision makers.
- High level of personal integrity, and absence of any national or international mandates or commitments or conflicts of interest, or capable of demonstrating that any ongoing commitment will not hinder in any way the fulfilment of the role of the Chair.

Timeline and process

Candidates can be nominated either by an accredited Member State representative or by the President of IFAD. Self-nominations can be made by submitting an expression of interest.

All expressions of interest or nominations should be submitted by e-mail in one of the four official languages of the Fund (Arabic, English, French, Spanish) to IFAD14chair@ifad.org. The deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is **midnight on 15 June 2025** (Rome time).

Expressions of interest or nominations should include a brief summary of the candidate's experience and their suitability for the role of the IFAD14 External Chair.

All expressions of interest or nominations will be reviewed by a panel composed of IFAD Management and Member States representatives. The President will select one candidate to be proposed to IFAD's Executive Board in September 2025, for formal approval by the Governing Council in February 2026.

The candidate would be expected to be available part-time (approximately 100 days) from September/October 2025 until February 2027. The Consultation will be launched and established at IFAD's Governing Council in February 2026 and will likely consist of three meetings with a duration of one or two days to be held in May, October and December 2026. Formal conclusion of the IFAD14 Consultation takes place at the IFAD Governing Council in February 2027. During this period, the Chair would be expected to engage regularly with IFAD Management and Member States, including travel to IFAD headquarters in Rome and to Member State capitals. The External Chair will be supported by the Replenishment Secretariat, located at IFAD headquarters.

Remuneration will be competitive, taking into consideration the level of responsibility of the position and the experience of the selected candidate.

Contact

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