

List A general opening statement

List A is pleased to join together with other Members as we begin our discussions on IFAD's Tenth Replenishment. IFAD has an important mandate and we look forward to working closely together with other Lists and IFAD throughout the process for a constructive and fruitful consultation.

We also welcome our Chair for the Replenishment, Johannes Linn.

The IFAD10 replenishment is an opportunity to consolidate IFAD9's ambitious reform agenda. We look forward to reviewing IFAD's achievements, challenges, and vision for the future; articulating IFAD's comparative advantage in different situations from middle-income countries to fragile states; developing a more strategic approach, including towards country selectivity and streamlining areas of activities; strengthening focus on delivering sustainable, scalable results to achieve maximum impact; and improving efficiency. In making the case, we will need to demonstrate demand and how IFAD will respond – including to supporting women and girls, building resilience to climate change, and contributing to transforming economies - in the context of a changing global reality.

Our Tenth Replenishment discussions come at an important time and we also have the opportunity to link with other international debates, including on the post-2015 agenda; climate; nutrition; and the CFS, particularly on land.

In today's challenging funding environment, we look to set a realistic target for IFAD10 based on a review of current figures. We are open to exploring possible innovative ways of financing through a systematic process of analysis that examines all the implications, providing that IFAD's financial stability - as well as borrowing countries' debt sustainability - is fully preserved.

We encourage *all* members, particularly emerging economies, to join together in stepping up efforts to achieve our shared ambition for IFAD that focuses on achieving sustainable impact for the rural populations that it serves.

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