

The Member States of IFAD will appoint the organization's sixth President in February 2017. In accordance with the Agreement Establishing IFAD,¹ the President of the Fund "shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall be eligible for reappointment for only one further term." The current President of IFAD, Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze, will conclude his second mandate on 31 March 2017. According to section 6.2 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, when the term of office of the President is due to expire, the appointment of a President shall be placed on the agenda of the annual session of the Governing Council immediately preceding the expiry of the term of office. The Governing Council will, therefore, consider the appointment of the President of IFAD at its fortieth session, to be held on 14 and 15 February 2017.

The President shall be appointed by the Governing Council² by a two-thirds majority of the total number of votes, for a term of four years, and shall be eligible for reappointment for only one additional term.

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Q1. Who is in charge of the appointment process?

- A.** The Office of the Secretary of IFAD manages the process and ensures its integrity. This includes making certain that all Member States have equal access to comprehensive and transparent information regarding the process. The appointment process is conducted with input from and in close collaboration with the Office of the General Counsel.

The Governing Council Bureau and the List Convenors³ play an important role throughout the process in providing guidance, approving the timeline and addressing other issues as needed, organizing the

¹ Article 6.8 of the Agreement Establishing IFAD.

² The Governing Council is IFAD's highest decision-making authority. It comprises all IFAD Member States (currently, 176 countries) and meets annually. The Governing Council sessions are attended by official Member State representatives, i.e. Governors, Alternate Governors and any other designated advisers.

³ The Fund's Member States are classified as follows: List A (primarily contributing developed countries); List B (primarily contributing developing countries); and List C (potential recipient countries). List C is further divided into sub-List C1 (countries in Africa); sub-List C2 (countries in Europe, Asia and the Pacific); and sub-List C3 (countries in Latin America and the Caribbean). Convenors (including co-Convenors, if any) of the Lists are the Member States' focal points for liaising with IFAD Management with the primary purposes of enhancing the functioning of the Fund through coordination, transparency and effectiveness; facilitating the work and decisions to be taken by the Executive Board and other governing bodies; improving communications between IFAD Management and the Board; and enhancing consultation.

meetings of candidates with IFAD Membership, and supervising and validating the voting process itself during the Governing Council session through the tellers⁴ appointed by the Governing Council Chairperson.

Q2. Who votes for the President?

- A. All Member States are entitled to vote, each one casting the number of votes they have been allocated in membership votes and/or contribution votes. Updated information on Member States voting rights is posted regularly on the public IFAD website at <https://www.ifad.org/who/governance/overview>, and on the public IFAD Member States Interactive Platform (MSIP) at <https://webapps.ifad.org/members>.

Information on the voting rights of IFAD Member States, including the updated vote allocations, will be tabled on the morning of the first day of the fortieth session of the Governing Council (Tuesday, 14 February 2017). In this respect, and to allow for timely preparation of the appointment procedures, Member States are kindly requested to make contribution payments for which votes will be allocated no later than 5 p.m. (Rome time), Friday, 10 February 2017.

Q3. Must a Member State cast all its votes for a single candidate?

- A. Yes. In accordance with rule 41(2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, each Governor casting the votes of the Member he or she represents shall cast them in favour of a single person.

Q4. How are candidates nominated?

- A. In accordance with the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD; the Established good practice for the process leading to the appointment of the President of IFAD, approved by the Governing Council in 2013; and the recent proposal endorsed by the Executive Board to request Convenors to develop a set of questions that Member States might address to candidates for the IFAD Presidency, nominations are submitted to the Secretary of IFAD by Member States along with a curriculum vitae and the responses to the questions provided with the call for nominations.

Q5. Can any Member State nominate candidates?

- A. Yes, any Member State can nominate a candidate.

Q6. Can Member States nominate candidates who are nationals of another country?

- A. According to the By-laws, nominations for the office of the President may be submitted to the Secretary of IFAD by Members. There is no requirement in the By-laws restricting the nominees to nationals of the Member State making the nomination.

Q7. How do Member States submit their nominations?

- A. Nominations must be submitted by Member States' Governors through their designated channel of communication to the Secretary of IFAD using the following e-mail address: elections2017@ifad.org.

Q8. How is the integrity of the nominations ensured during the nomination process?

- A. The Office of the Secretary is the sole keeper of all official nominations and is implementing the required procedures to confirm the nominations and safeguard their confidentiality.

Q9. What is the role of IFAD staff in the appointment process?

- A. All staff are bound by IFAD's Code of Conduct with respect to the disclosure of confidential information and must comply with the provisions on relations with external parties and involvement in political activities. Selected staff are responsible for carrying out the appointment process. In accordance with IFAD's Code of Conduct, all staff who become aware of confidential aspects of the appointment process (such as the identity of the candidates prior to their official public disclosure) are responsible for ensuring that such information is not disclosed.

Selected IFAD staff may be directly involved in the process by participating in an Appointment Task Force, which is responsible for all logistical and administrative arrangements necessary for the voting process, or in the Counting Support Task Force, which – together with the tellers appointed by the

⁴ Tellers are appointed by the Chairperson of the Governing Council. Following past practice, three representatives of IFAD Member States, one from each List (List A, List B and List C) will be appointed by the Chairperson of the Governing Council. Once the voting process at the Governing Council session is concluded, the tellers are responsible for the ballot counting. They are supported in their task by IFAD staff members, under the supervision of the Secretary of IFAD. When the counting of the votes is complete, the totals received by each nominee are entered on a tally sheet, which is signed by each teller and transmitted to the Chairperson of the Governing Council.

Governing Council Chairperson – will count the ballots cast during each round of voting. The Office of the Secretary will take the necessary steps to establish such task forces.

Q10. When will the nominations be communicated?

A. The nominations will be communicated by the President to all Members and the Bureau on 14 December 2016.

Q11. What is new in this appointment cycle compared to the previous appointment process?

A. In accordance with a proposal made at the April 2016 session and endorsed by the Executive Board, for the first time, candidates will be invited to provide written answers to questions that have been prepared by the List Convenors and the Governing Council Bureau. Their responses, the nominees' curricula vitae and nomination letters must be received by the Secretary of IFAD no later than 1 December 2016. On 14 December 2016, the President will communicate to Members and the Bureau the nominations, together with the curricula vitae and the candidates' written responses to the questions provided.

Q12. When will the new President take office?

A. The new President of IFAD will be appointed by the Governing Council at its fortieth session in February 2017 and take office on 1 April 2017.

Timeline for the appointment process

DATE	ACTIVITY
27 September 2016	The Secretary of IFAD sends out a call for nominations for the Presidency of IFAD to the Governors of all Member States including, for the first time, some questions that the candidates will be invited to answer in writing.
27 September 2016	The announcement for the appointment of the President is posted on the IFAD website along with a press release.
30 September 2016	The Office of the Secretary issues a communication to all Governors forwarding the announcement and press release.
30 September 2016	A communication is sent to other United Nations agencies, organizations and international financial institutions – together with copies of the announcement and the press release.
1 December 2016	Deadline for Member States to submit nominations to the Secretary of IFAD, and for receiving responses of candidates who choose to respond to the questions.
14 December 2016	A communication on the nominations is sent by the President to Member States and the Bureau of the Governing Council, together with the candidates' curricula vitae and their written responses to the questions provided.
19-20 January 2017	IFAD Member States meet with Presidential candidates (restricted participation).
14-15 February 2017	Voting and appointment of the President take place at the fortieth session of the Governing Council.
1 April 2017	Newly appointed President begins term of office.

For more comprehensive and updated information on the appointment process, please visit:

- The Member States Interactive Platform (MSIP): <https://webapps.ifad.org/members/president>
- The IFAD Mango Application, which can be downloaded from Apple App Store or Google Play
- The IFAD website <https://www.ifad.org/who/president/tags/2109081>