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Introduction

IFAD's 41st Governing Council, held on 13 and 14 February, will focus on the theme *From fragility to long-term resilience: Investing in sustainable rural economies*.

Increasing numbers of people around the world are living in contexts that, for different reasons, may be considered fragile.

Situations associated with relatively low institutional capacities, social and political instability, as well as – in some cases – conflict, are reducing people's resilience to the shocks that emanate from climate and weather-related conditions, environmental pressures and adverse economic situations. Virtually all countries are affected to a greater or lesser degree by these challenges. The incidence of violent conflict is also at an all-time high, which is multiplying the numbers of internally displaced persons and refugees. These realities are undermining the prospects for sustainable development and threatening the livelihoods of the rural people IFAD works with.

Investing in sustainable rural livelihoods is central to peacebuilding, state-building and social stability. Rural communities are particularly susceptible to the drivers and impact of vulnerability and fragility because they rely on natural resources and risk-prone agricultural systems for their livelihoods and food security. In poor rural communities, this is exacerbated by inadequate infrastructure, weak assets and scant access to financial services.



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Key questions for discussion

Interactive sessions will provide a platform for delegates to participate in discussions around questions that are critical for the future of IFAD and its contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including:

- What approaches are needed to tailor investments to the needs of young rural people in vulnerable and fragile situations?
- What types of new financing mechanisms would enable IFAD to respond most effectively to the challenges faced in building resilience?
- What are the prospects for multilateralism to contribute to addressing the challenges faced by rural communities?

Logistical information

Registration and accreditation

All members of official delegations and all observers are kindly requested to register and pick up their Governing Council badge immediately upon arrival in the registration area located in the Atrium.

Delegates are required to wear their badge at all times within the Plenary Hall and to gain access to the meeting area.

Registration will begin on Monday 12 February, from 10.00 to 17.00, and continue on Tuesday 13 February, from 8.00 to 18.30 and on Wednesday 14 February from 8.00 until the closure of the session.

Press registration will be located in the Media Centre.

Conference area and session hours

The Governing Council will take place in the Plenary Hall. Other conference facilities are located on minus 1 level and consist of:

- Italian Conference Room (Salle d'écoute)
- Oval Room
- Executive Dining Room

Delegates are kindly reminded to turn off mobile telephones before entering meeting rooms.

IFAD building

Ground floor



Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi facilities are available in all meeting rooms. You may connect to the **ifad_guest** network using **ifadguest** as the password. Delegates may use the computers and printers provided in the Internet cafe located near the coffee bar in the conference area (minus 1 level).

Social media

The forty-first session of the IFAD Governing Council is an interactive event thanks to a number of social media components. Social reporters will keep the outside world informed through blogs, tweets, interviews and pictures on the following IFAD social media channels:



<https://twitter.com/IFADnews>



<https://www.facebook.com/IFAD>



<https://www.instagram.com/ifadnews/>



<https://www.youtube.com/user/IFADTV>

To stimulate the conversation, live tweets will be displayed on the Twitter wall in the IFAD Lounge and in the Atrium. Delegates are encouraged to share their ideas, views and insights via social media channels using the following hashtags:

Forty-first session of the Governing Council:
#IFADgc

The virtual audience can follow the proceedings and interact on the above social media channels and via webcasting.

Documentation

Documents related to this Governing Council are available on the IFAD website and the Member States Interactive Platform. All documents are also available on IFAD Mango, a mobile application which can be downloaded free of charge from the Apple AppStore (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android).

Webcasting

The Governing Council takes place in the Plenary Hall and will be webcast at:

<https://webcasting.ifad.org/gc41>

Participants who do not have a seat in the Plenary Hall may follow the proceedings via webcast or video link in the Italian Conference Room.

Webcasting is also available on IFAD Mango. Android users should go to the “Information” tab of the session to find the webcasting link.

Minus 1 level



Cafeteria facilities

Coffee, light beverages, sandwiches and pastries are available in the cafeteria on the ground floor and at the coffee bar on minus 1 level. The cafeteria will remain open until the end of proceedings on the days of the Governing Council session.

The cafeteria on the ground floor serves lunch from 12.00 until 14.30. A list of nearby restaurants and self-service cafeterias is available at the information desk.

Security

A security perimeter will be established around the meeting site. Strict security measures will be implemented at the entrance and inside the building. Metal detectors and x-ray machines for baggage scanning will be in operation at all entrances to the meeting site. Security staff are instructed to allow entry only to persons in possession of a Governing Council badge issued by IFAD.

To ensure the safety of all participants, badges must be displayed at all times in the venues. Under no circumstances should your badge be lent to another participant. Delegates are reminded to wear their badge at all times and never to leave briefcases or any valuable items unattended at the meeting site.

Banking facilities

A branch of the Banca Popolare di Sondrio is located on the ground floor. The bank is open from 8.30 to 13.30 and from 14.30 to 16.00.

Medical services

The IFAD medical team will be on the premises during the session. In addition, arrangements have been made with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to provide other medical services, if required. Such services should be requested through the IFAD nurse (Room B035, ext. 2370).

Travel agency

Carlson Wagonlit Travel is located on the ground floor. It is open from 9.00 to 17.00.

Parking and transportation

Vehicles will not be allowed to enter the premises. Delegates may be dropped off in front of the IFAD Headquarters main entrance where the local authorities will be assisting with traffic control. An alternative parking area will be reserved at via Paolo di Dono 145 for vehicles in possession of diplomatic license plates.

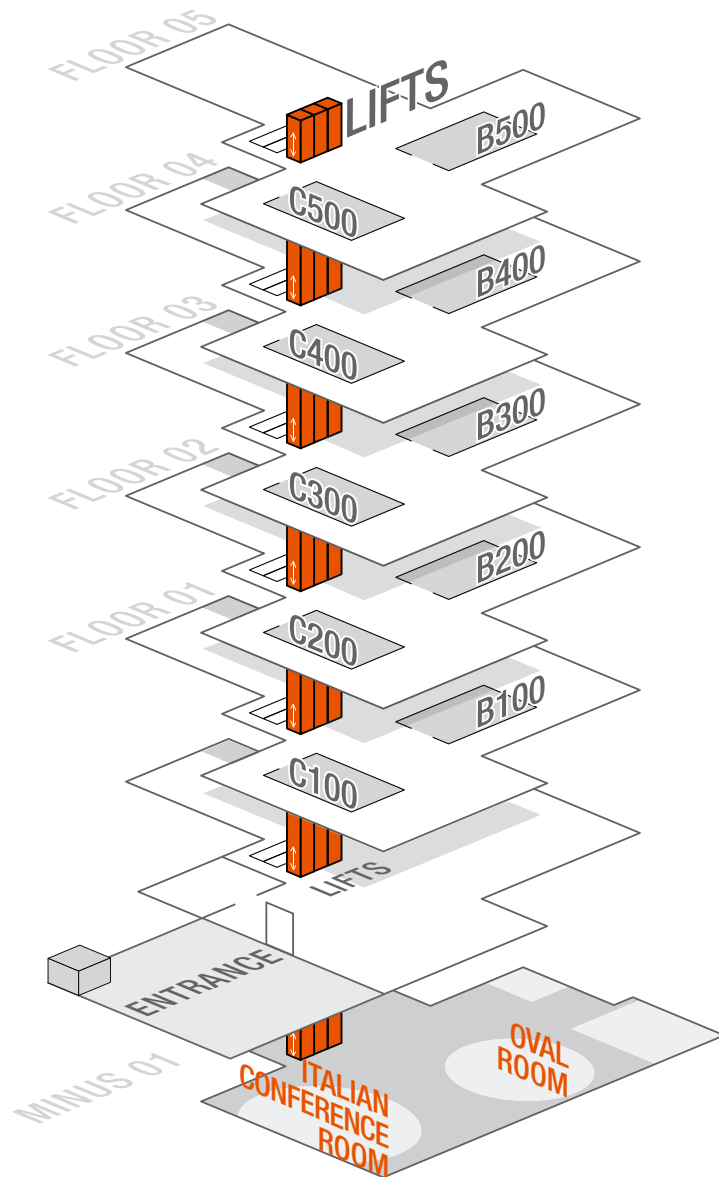
Taxis from IFAD may be requested from the guardhouse at the main entrance.

A morning shuttle bus service is available from 7.40 to 9.25 between Laurentina metro station and IFAD headquarters. The evening service between IFAD headquarters and Laurentina metro station runs as follows:

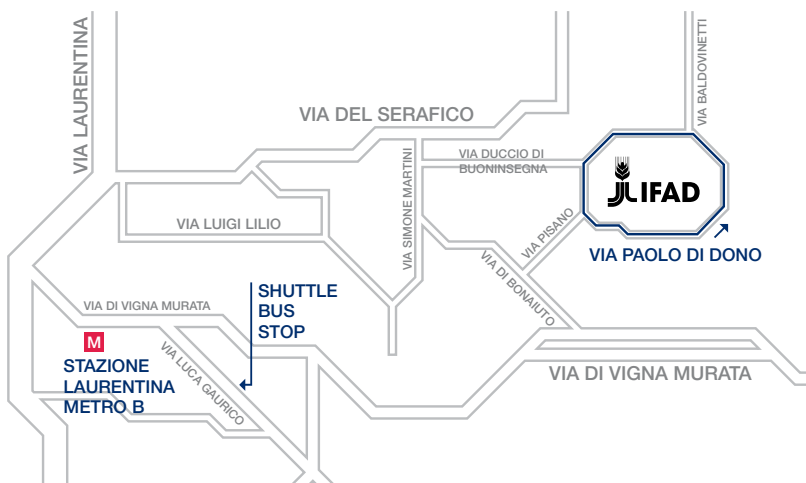
- 13 February from 16.45 to 22.35
- 14 February from 16.45 to 18.50

The pick-up and drop-off point at Laurentina station is via Luca Gaurico 9-11, on the main road behind the station, while the IFAD drop-off and pick-up point is the yellow bus stop adjacent to the main entrance of the guardhouse (between via Paolo di Dono 50 and 44).

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Shuttle location



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Tuesday, 13 February 2018

DAY 1 OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

9.30	Opening of the session of the forty-first Governing Council Adoption of the agenda Election of the Governing Council Bureau	PLENARY HALL 
10.00	Inaugural ceremony Welcoming statement by Mr Gilbert F. Hounghbo , <i>President of IFAD</i> H.E. António Guterres <i>Secretary-General of the United Nations (video message)</i> H.E. Sheikh Hasina <i>Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</i> H.E. José Berley Arista Arbildo <i>Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of the Republic of Peru, on behalf of H.E. Pedro Pablo Kuczynski Godard, President of the Republic of Peru</i> Statement by Mr Gilbert F. Hounghbo , <i>President of IFAD</i>	
11.30	Business items for approval and information	
13.00	Lunch in honour of special guests and to welcome heads of Member State delegations (by invitation)	IFAD LOUNGE
15.00	IFAD Lecture – We need to talk about state fragility Introduction by Ms Cornelia Richter , <i>Vice-President of IFAD</i> Mr J.J. Messner , <i>Executive Director of The Fund for Peace</i>	PLENARY HALL 
16.00	Interactive Session 1 – From fragility to long-term resilience	
17.45	Business items for approval and information	
18.30	Reception for all delegates in collaboration with the World Association of Chefs' Societies (Worldchefs)	IFAD LOUNGE

Wednesday, 14 February 2018

DAY 2 OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

8.30	Networking breakfast	IFAD LOUNGE
9.30	A perspective on fragility Introduction by Mr Gilbert F. Houngbo , <i>President of IFAD</i> H.E. Dr Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR , <i>Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria</i>	PLENARY HALL 
10.15	Business items for approval and information	
11:30	Interactive Session 2 – Multilateralism: Opportunities and challenges	PLENARY HALL
13.00	Buffet lunch for all participants	
14.30	Business items for approval and information	
15.30	Interactive Session 3 – Investing in rural youth	PLENARY HALL
17.00	Other business	
17.15	Concluding remarks by the President of IFAD and the Chairperson	
18.00	Closure of the session	

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FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

🕒 10.15

H.E. Sheikh Hasina

Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Sheikh Hasina assumed the office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh in January 2009. She previously served as Prime Minister between 1996 and 2001. Sheikh Hasina has been awarded numerous honours, including: UNESCO's Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize (1998) for her contribution to ending the 23 years of conflict in Chittagong Hill Tracts; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations CERES medal (1999) in recognition of her fight against hunger; and the All India Peace Council "Mother Teresa Award" (1998).

Sheikh Hasina has been a strong advocate for the Culture of Peace at global, regional and national levels. Her initiative has resulted in the first-ever resolution by the Plenary of the United Nations General Assembly on the Culture of Peace. She has also provided leadership in the field of education. Her government has greatly enhanced budgetary allocation for primary education, with a focus on education for girls. At the United Nations and in other forums, she has been a major voice in support of the cause of children and their rights. She has authored several books including *Why are They Street Children*, *The Origin of Autocracy*, and *Miles to Go*. She graduated from the University of Dhaka in 1973. Since then she has received numerous honorary doctorates from universities across the globe.

🕒 10.30

H.E. José Berley Arista Arbildo

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of the Republic of Peru

on behalf of H.E. Pedro Pablo Kuczynski Godard, President of the Republic of Peru

José Berley Arista Arbildo became the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of Peru in January 2018. His former roles included Adviser to the Ministry of Economy and Finance; Executive Director of the Special Project of the Pan American Games; and the President of the Regional Government of Amazonas. He has also served as National Director of Public Budget and Deputy Minister of Finance in the Ministry for Economy and Finance. Before joining the Government, Mr Arista held positions with the *Banco de la Nación*, Andean Development Corporation (CAF) and the Inter-American Development Bank. Mr Arista has a bachelor's degree in economics from the Catholic University of Peru. He has a master's degree in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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IFAD LECTURE SERIES

🕒 15.00

We need to talk about state fragility

This year's IFAD lecture will be delivered by Mr J.J. Messner, Executive Director of The Fund for Peace, which presents the Fragile States Index, an annual ranking of 178 countries that tracks performance on social, economic, and political indicators. The lecture will be introduced by the Vice-President of IFAD, Ms Cornelia Richter.

Vulnerability and fragility can be sensitive topics – after all, no country wants to be known as a “fragile state”. But the reality is that every country experiences fragility, and in today's interconnected world and globalized economy, state fragility affects us all in different ways. So what does state fragility actually mean? And how is fragility measured? This lecture will consider how data can better inform our understanding of underlying causes and trends of fragility and how to craft effective policy responses to improve resilience against challenges from climate change to social conflict.

Moderator

Mr Paul Winters, Associate Vice-President, ad interim, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD

INTERACTIVE SESSION 1

🕒 16.00

From fragility to long-term resilience

There are a number of internal and external factors that can contribute to a country's fragility, jeopardizing its chances of eradicating poverty and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This interactive session will take a closer look at how IFAD, together with its Member States, is intervening in two specific countries to support sustainable rural economies. The session will review some of the factors that cause fragility, and will include discussion of tools and innovative approaches that have successfully built resilience in fragile contexts.

Panellists

- **Mr Helder da Costa**, General Secretary of the g7+ Secretariat, based in Dili, Timor-Leste. The goal of the g7+ is to help stop conflict, achieve peacebuilding and state-building and eradicate poverty through innovative development strategies. The g7+ also provides a forum for sharing lessons and experiences among fragile states to support each other in their self-led transitions from fragility to resilience.
- **H. E. Said Hussein Iid**, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of the Federal Republic of Somalia.
- **Ms Majida Mcheik**, Chief, Programme Department, Ministry of Agriculture of the Lebanese Republic. Majida Mcheik is also a member of the Ministry's projects committee, which coordinates, studies and prepares projects and programmes, local and international. She is focal point for the Food Security Sector working group and a Food Security steering committee member in Lebanon within the Lebanese Crisis Response Plan.

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- **Mr Tarek Kotb**, Country Programme Manager for Lebanon, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, IFAD. He leads and manages the development and implementation of medium- to longer-term strategies to reduce rural poverty and maximize development effectiveness, impact and sustainability in the region.
- **Mr Kaushik Barua**, Acting Country Programme Manager for Somalia, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, IFAD. Kaushik is responsible for the Somalia portfolio and also works on the Egypt and Palestine portfolios. He was part of the team that developed the IFAD Fragile Situations Strategy and the Facility for Refugees, Migrants, Forced Displacement and Rural Stability, or FARMS.

Moderator

Mr Périn Saint-Ange, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD

 **18.30-22.30**

Reception

The President of IFAD and Mrs Hounbo will host a reception on Tuesday, 13 February 2018, in the IFAD Lounge. All delegates and observers are invited. The menu provided by the World Association of Chefs' Societies (WorldChefs) reflects different cultural influences and has a global culinary concept that also preserves sustainability principles. You are kindly reminded to present your Governing Council badge at the main entrance if re-entering the premises.

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A perspective on fragility

🕒 9.30

H.E. Dr Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR, Former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Dr Obasanjo was the president of Nigeria from 1999 to 2007. He also previously led the African Union and the G-77, and was involved in numerous international mediation efforts in Africa. He is a passionate advocate for Africa's agricultural development and for creating opportunities for rural youth in Nigeria and across Africa. Dr Obasanjo is Chair of the Africa Food Prize and Chair of the Zero Hunger Forum in Nigeria.

Dr Obasanjo will discuss how to address fragility and build long-term resilience in different contexts. He will be introduced by the President of IFAD, Mr Gilbert F. Hounbo. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session.

INTERACTIVE SESSION 2

🕒 11.30

Multilateralism: Opportunities and challenges

Global issues such as climate change, conflict, emerging technologies and pressures on natural resources shape and challenge the rural landscape and the resilience of rural communities. Mitigating the associated risks and taking advantage of the opportunities will create an ever-greater need for international cooperation. What are the implications for multilateralism and official development assistance in a context of increased need for collaboration, heightened competition for scarce public resources and single-state approaches? There is strong global interest in finding solutions to current and emerging issues that can build resilience, stability and peace during the 2030 Agenda implementation period.

Panellists

- **Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki**, Chief Executive Officer of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency. NEPAD is the technical body of the African Union, which aims to provide an overarching vision and policy framework for accelerating economic cooperation and integration among African countries.
- **H.E. Martha Elena Federica Bárcena Coqui**, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to Rome-based United Nations Organizations of the United Mexican States.
- **Dr David Nabarro**, Director of 4SD – Skills, Systems and Synergies for Sustainable Development and former Special Adviser on Sustainable Development and Climate Change to the United Nations Secretary-General. 4SD is a social enterprise that supports leaders responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- **Mr Alvaro Lario**, Associate Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Controller, Financial Operations Department, IFAD. He is part of the Executive Management Committee and is responsible for the design and implementation of the financial strategies and policies at IFAD.

Moderator

Mr Johannes F. Linn, Non-resident Senior Fellow in the Global Economy and Development Program at the Brookings Institution, a Distinguished Resident Scholar at the Emerging Markets Forum, a Senior Advisor at the Results for Development Institute, and Chairperson of the Consultation on the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Replenishments of IFAD's Resources.

🕒 15.30

INTERACTIVE SESSION 3

Investing in rural youth

Across developing countries, young people are two to three times more likely to be unemployed. They are often excluded from decision-making and policy processes, and they lack access to resources, finance and employment. This affects growth, threatens political stability and can lead to uncontrolled migration. Young farmers are already effective agents of change: they are already diversifying agricultural production, adopting new technologies and entering remunerative value chains. This panel will discuss the challenges, opportunities and solutions involved in investing in the growing number of rural youth.

Panellists

- **Mr Iurie Usurelu**, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova.
- **Mr Dominik Ziller**, Director-General for International Development Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany. The Ministry works to encourage economic development within Germany and in other countries through international cooperation and partnerships.
- **Ms Rita Kimani**, Chief Executive Officer, FarmDrive, Kenya. FarmDrive uses mobile phones, alternative data and machine learning to close the critical data gap that prevents financial institutions from lending to creditworthy smallholder farmers.
- **Mr Sebastián Pedraza**, National Rural Youth Network, Colombia. The Young Entrepreneurs Association is a social organization that leads projects and training with young people of La Dorada and the region.
- **Ms Mai Thin Yu Mon**, Representative, Global Indigenous Youth Caucus. She is responsible for programmes that promote religious freedom and indigenous rights and is a cofounder and management committee member of the Myanmar Indigenous Peoples Network.

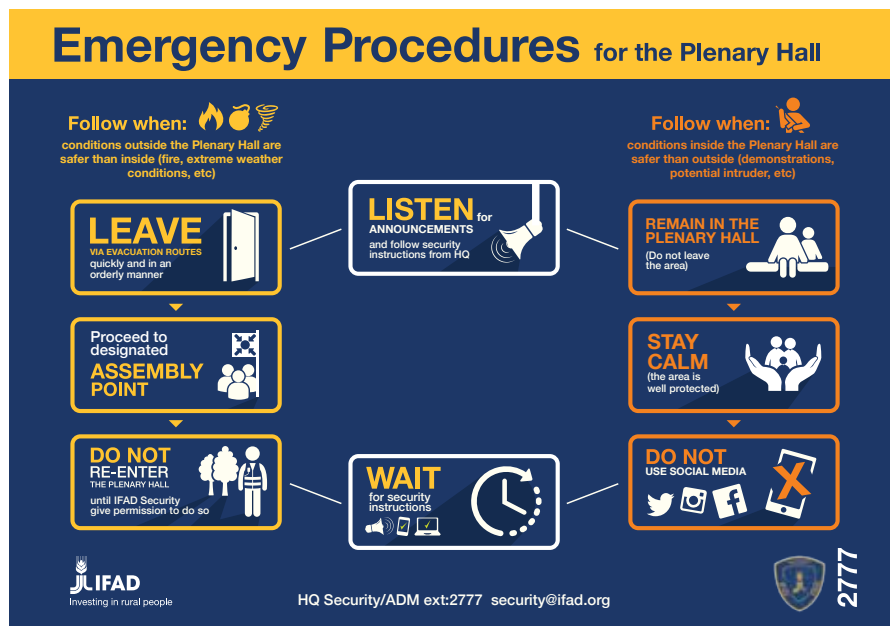
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For information on emergency procedures at IFAD HQ, please consult the infographics poster on each floor.





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