Briefing by Italy on the G7 Presidency

IFAD Headquarters, Via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome, Italy



The G7/G20 Sherpa for Italy, His Excellency Ambassador Raffaele Trombetta will introduce the key priorities and target areas of the G7 Italian Presidency.

Sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition will continue to be a primary focus during the Italian Presidency as it seeks to operationalize ongoing G7 commitments and advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This will entail increasing development aid and leveraging private investments, paying special attention to responsible business conduct. The Presidency will support economic growth in poor rural areas, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, to help create employment for young people and address the challenges of migration.

Other prioirty areas of action foreseen are: promoting women's access to land and financial resources; and helping advance the goals of the Malabo Declaration on Agriculture and Post-Harvest Losses, the Comprehensive African Agriculture Development Programme and the African Union's Agenda 2063. The Presidency will make a signficant contribution to the Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-25 through support for a high-level event to be held in Rome in 2017. A contribution to IFAD will be used to foster development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in rural areas based on successful investment models.

Ambassador Trombetta will be joined on the podium by His Excellency Pierfrancesco Sacco, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Italian Republic to IFAD; Mr Alessandro Motta, Head, G7-G20 Sherpa Unit and Ms Simona Seravesi, Adviser on Food Security and Nutrition, G7-G20 Sherpa Unit.

The session will be moderated by Mr Paul Winters, Officer-in-Charge, Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD. A question and answer session will follow Ambassador Trombetta's presentation.

The session is open to all Governing Council participants.



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Monday 13 February 2017

Time

14.15-15.45

Venue

Plenary Hall (event)

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