

Information note to participants

Investing in inclusive rural transformation

Innovative approaches to financing

International Conference
Rome, 25-27 January 2017

Introduction

The International Conference on “Investing in inclusive rural transformation: Innovative approaches to financing” will take place in Rome, Italy, from 25-27 January 2017.

This information note covers the Conference sessions that will take place at the headquarters of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) from 26-27 January 2017. Participation in the high level inaugural session on 25 January 2017 at the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance, is by invitation only. The session proceedings can be followed on the public webcast at:
www.ifad.org/ruraltransformation.

Getting to and from IFAD

**International Fund for
Agricultural Development**
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Airports – Two main airports serve Rome, Leonardo da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport and Ciampino airport. Fiumicino airport is 36 km west of Rome and Ciampino airport is 16 km southwest of Rome. A train runs between Fiumicino and Termini station (near Rome’s historic centre), while Terravision shuttle buses connect Ciampino airport to Termini Station. There is no direct rail link to the city centre from Ciampino airport.

Metro (underground) – IFAD headquarters is a 15-minute walk from Laurentina Metro station in the area of Rome known as EUR. The station is the last stop on Line B, which connects to Rome’s historic city centre. The station also serves as a bus terminal.

Tickets for public transportation can be bought at vending machines in metro stations, at tobacco shops and newspaper kiosks. They are valid for 75 minutes, which includes one trip on the Metro and/or unlimited bus travel. Tickets must be validated immediately upon boarding the bus or tram.

Further information about Rome’s public transport, online maps, bus routes and directions can be obtained from the website:

<http://www.atac.roma.it/index.asp?lingua=ENG>

Taxis – Taxis may be requested at the main guard house (extension 2300). Taxis can also be booked directly by calling +39 06 3570. Please note, that any taxi called but not used is entitled to payment of a minimum fare. From 1.00 to 5.00, women wishing to travel by a dedicated night-time taxi service for women can dial +39 06 35701 in order to be connected to an operator who will transfer the call to Lady Cab, at no additional cost.

Information and services

Shuttle bus – A shuttle bus service is available from 7.40 to 9.25 between Laurentina Metro station and IFAD headquarters and from 16.45 to 18.50 from IFAD headquarters back to Laurentina Metro station. The pick-up and drop-off point at the Laurentina metro is Viale Luca Gaurico, 9-11, on the main road behind the station. The IFAD drop-off and pick-up point is the yellow bus stop adjacent to the main entrance of the guardhouse (between 50 and 44 Via Paolo di Dono).

To accommodate the reception hosted in IFAD, the evening shuttle bus departing from IFAD on 26 January, will run until 21.35.

Shuttle indications

Departure from Laurentina (Viale Luca Gaurico 9-11)

7.40	7.55	8.10	8.25
8.40	8.55	9.10	9.25

Departure from IFAD (Via Paolo di Dono, 50-44)

16.45	17.05	17.20	17.35
17.50	18.05	18.20	18.35
18.50			

Departure from IFAD (on 26 January after 18:50)

19.05	19.20	19.35	19.50
20.05	20.20	20.35	20.50
21.05	21.20	21.35	

Accommodation

IFAD has negotiated a special rate for the participants at the following hotels:

IFAD proximity

Hotel Tre Fontane

Via del Serafico, 51 - 00142
 Tel.: +39 06 51956556
 +39 06 51963538
 Fax: +39 06 51955419
 Email: info@hoteltrfontane.it
 IFAD rate: EUR 104 (including taxes)

Hotel American Palace Eur

Via Laurentina, 554 - 00143
 Tel.: +39 06 5913552
 Fax: +39 06 5911740
 Whatsapp: +39 3486097052
 Email: info@americanpalace.it
 IFAD rate: EUR 75 (including taxes)

Centre: FAO proximity

Hotel Lancelot

Via Capo D’Africa, 47 - 00184
 Tel.: +39 06 7045 0615
 Fax: +39 06 7045 0640
 Email: info@lancelothotel.com
 IFAD rate: EUR 112.28 (including taxes)

Hotel Santa Prisca

Largo Manlio Gelsomini, 25 - 00152
 Tel.: +39 06 5741917
 Fax: +39 06 5746658
 Email: hspisca@hotelsantaprisca.it
 IFAD rate: EUR 93 (including taxes)

No advance reservation has been made. Please reserve directly with the hotel as soon as possible.



Visa and entry requirements

Italy is a member of the Schengen Area. Many overseas visitors require a valid visa for Italy. Please be informed that Italy does not issue visas upon arrival. Please visit the following website to verify whether you require a visa: <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

Participants are requested to make their own visa arrangements. Upon request, IFAD will issue an official letter of invitation for the visa application. Please contact Ms Chabana Bagas at januaryconference@ifad.org

Please also check whether you need a transit visa for countries in which you may have to transfer/stop over during your trip to/from Rome.

Registration and accreditation at the Conference

All participants of the Conference are kindly requested to register immediately upon arrival at IFAD, in the registration area located in the lobby.

Registration will begin on Thursday, 26 January 2017, from 8.00 to 17.00 and will continue on Friday, 27 January 2016, from 8.00 until the end of the Conference on 27 January.

Journalists are requested to send an email to ifadnewsroom@ifad.org to obtain an accreditation form.

Conference area and session hours

All plenary sessions will take place in Italian Conference Room, situated on the minus 1 level. Innovative practice cluster sessions will take place in the Oval Room and the Executive Dining Room, also located on the minus 1 level.

Morning sessions will be from 9.00 to 13.00. Afternoon sessions will start at 14.00 and run until 18.00 on 26 January. The Conference will end on 27 January at 13.00.

WI-FI

WI-FI facilities are available in all meeting rooms. You can connect to the **ifad_guest network** using **ifadguest** as the password.

Tablets and devices

The Conference is paperless and all Conference material will be available on this site:

www.ifad.org/ruraltransformation

Participants are invited to bring their own devices during the Conference to access all Conference related materials.

Tablets will be made available during the Conference to participants who have not brought their own. Such devices will be available at the registration desk in the lobby, where an ID card will be requested.

Any battery malfunction should be reported to the messengers in the meeting room.

All tablets must be returned to the desk before leaving the building.

Social media

The International Conference is an interactive event, the outreach of which will be supported by a number of social media components.

Participants are encouraged to share their ideas, views and insights via social media channels using the following hashtag:

#RuralTransformation

IFAD will use the following channels to report on the Conference:



www.twitter.com/ifadnews



www.youtube.com/user/ifadTV



www.facebook.com/ifad



www.instagram.com/ifadnews

Webcasting

Plenary sessions will be webcast at: www.ifad.org/ruraltransformation

Those who wish to follow the proceedings from the webcast and wish to interact with the prominent guests and panelists, may do so through the above social media channels and via the integrated chat in the webcast page.

Coffee and lunch

The Conference will provide coffee, light beverages and pastries to all participants during coffee breaks. In addition, food and beverages can be purchased in the cafeteria on the ground floor and at the bar in the Conference area on the minus 1 level.

On 26 January, a light stand-up lunch will be served for all participants outside the Executive Dining Room, on the minus 1 level.

The cafeteria on the ground floor also serves lunch from 12.00 until 14.30. Below is the list of some nearby restaurants within a walking distance from IFAD:

Chinese Restaurant Cheng Du Di Xu Xiaolin

Via Paolo di Dono, 23

Tel.: +39 06 5193031

Livello1 Restaurant

Via Duccio di Buoninsegna, 25

Tel.: +39 06 5033999

<http://ristorantelivello1.instapage.com>

Mirage Food & Drink

Via Alessio Baldovinetti, 98

Tel.: +39 06 5033167

Reception hosted by IFAD

The President of IFAD will host a reception on Thursday, 26 January 2017 at 18.00 in the IFAD lobby. All participants are invited.

Security

Strict security measures will be implemented at the entrance to IFAD. Metal detectors and x-ray machines for baggage scanning will be in operation at the entrance.

To enter the building, please bring your Laissez Passer, passport or any other valid photo identity card so that security officers can provide you with a building pass.

To ensure the safety of all participants, building passes must be displayed at all times in the building. Under no circumstance should your building pass be used by another participant. Participants are reminded to never leave briefcases or any valuable items unattended at the meeting sites.

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. Two ATM machines are located in the area opposite the bank.

Medical services

The IFAD nurse will be on the premises during the Conference and may be reached at extension 2370. Offices are located on the ground floor. 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.

Pharmacies

There is a pharmacy directly opposite IFAD headquarters (Via Paolo di Dono, 35) and another in Via Simone Martini, 34, a five-minute walk from IFAD.

Emergency telephone numbers in Rome

Medical emergencies and ambulance: **118**

General emergencies/police: **113**

Fire service: **115**

Contact information

For further information, please visit www.ifad.org/ruraltransformation

You can also contact us at januaryconference@ifad.org

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Logistical information

Ground floor








Minus 1 level



- ▶ Entrance
- Main lifts
- Service lifts (contractors only)
- Staircases
- Staircase - Conference area
- Italian Conference Room
- Oval Conference Room
- Executive Dining Room
- Conference desk
- Internet point
- Cloakroom
- Disabled restrooms
- Restrooms



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