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Ahmad Ababneh
Financial Analyst
Financial Controller’s Division
Nominated for: AI for video creation / E-learning courses with AI

Rahul Antao
Professional Officer
Environment Climate Gender, and Social Inclusion Division
Nominated for: Youth Grassroots Approach

Maine Astonitas
Senior Portfolio Advisor
Latin America and the Caribbean Division
Nominated for: Top Secret Helpline

Sebastian Brudersohn
Treasury Systems Officer
Treasury Services Division
Nominated for: Contribution to Innovation Culture in Treasury

Marc De Sousa-Shields
Lead Regional Technical Specialist
Rural Finance and Markets
Nominated for: Digi Climate Risk (IFAD Innovation Challenge)

Elisa Cifiello
Junior Consultant
Operational Policy and Results Division
Nominated for: Mainstream Dashboard

Ricardo Rendon Cepeda
ICT Analyst
Information and Communications Technology Division
Nominated for: Omnidata and IFAD Frontier technologies

Paxina Chileshe
Regional Climate and Environment Specialist
Environment Climate Gender and Social Inclusion Division
Nominated for: Technically leading Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Financing Mechanism

Jahan Chowdhury
Lead Technical Specialist
Environment Climate Gender and Social Inclusion Division
Nominated for: IFAD - Global Methane Hub Initiative

Federica Emma
Social Inclusion Analyst
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Nominated for: Youth Grassroots Approach

Daniele Frison
Administrative Assistant
Financial Controller’s Division
Nominated for: Financial crime Dashboards Docusign

Edith Girval
Head of Unit
Internal Communications Global Communications and Advocacy Division
Nominated for: IFAD Intranet Redesign

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Brenda Gunde
Senior Technical Specialist Sustainable Production Markets and Institutions Division
Nomination for: Leading the ICT4D training

Sauli Hurri
Senior Regional Technical Specialist Rural Finance Markets and Value Chains
Nomination for: Technically leading Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Financing Mechanism

Sennai Kebedom
Analyst Policy and Results Operational Policy and Results Division
Nomination for: IFAD Open Procurement Platform

Athur Mabiso
Senior Economist Research and Impact Assessment Division
Nomination for: Geo M&E (IFAD Innovation Challenge)

Vibhuti Mendiratta
Senior Econometrician Research and Impact Assessment Division
Nomination for: Socio-Economic Profile of IFAD’s Target Group

Nambu Muhaya
Country Programme Assistant East and Southern Africa Division
Nomination for: Low carbon facilitation of the AGRF2023 delegation

Maurizio Navarra
Senior Partnership Officer Global Engagement Partnership and Resource Mobilization
Nomination for: Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

Rikke Grand Olivera
Lead Global Technical Specialist Land Tenure and Natural Resource Management
Nomination for: Leading on RDMT and EFA

Sankari Reddy
Advisor to Controller and Finance Specialist Financial Controller’s Division
Nomination for: Leading key innovative projects in FCD

Francesco Rispoli
Country Director South Africa East and Southern Africa Division
Nomination for: Technically leading Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Financing Mechanism

Robin Rocco
Finance Analyst Financial Controller’s Division
Nomination for: Docusign Digital Signatures

Kenji Shundo
Senior Technical Specialist Private Sector Advisory and Implementation Unit
Nomination for: Technically leading Africa Rural Climate Adaptation Financing Mechanism

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Analyst Policy and Results Operational Policy and Results Division
Nomination for: IFAD Open Procurement Platform
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**Kathy Zissimopoulos**  
Team Management  
Sustainable Production Markets and Institutions Division  
Nominated for:  
Innovating and leading Thematic Dashboards

**Michelle Tang**  
Communications Officer  
Global Engagement Partnership and Resource Mobilization

**Priscilla Torres**  
Chief Project Procurement  
Operational Policy and Results Division

**Kathy Zissimopoulos**  
Team Management  
Sustainable Production Markets and Institutions Division  
Nominated for:  
IFAD Open Procurement Platform

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**Footnotes**

1. **Omnidata** IFAD’s new data platform enabling analytics and visualizations including geographic information systems and advanced analytics such as artificial intelligence.
2. **Africa Food Systems Summit 2023 (AGRF2023)**
3. IFAD Economic and Financial Analysis (EFA+)  
   a. *Volume 1: Basic Concepts*  
   b. *Volume 2: Minimum requirements and practical examples*  
   c. *Volume 3: Case Studies*

**Resilience Design and Monitoring Tool (RDMT)**