

15-16 February: **Governing Council**

The participants in the Farmers' Forum (FF) are all invited to the Governing Council (GC). They will have the possibility to participate in the three GC round tables on 16 February. The Farmers' Forum statement will be presented in the Plenary either on 15 or 16 February.

During those two days, there will be opportunities to organize, upon request, bilateral meetings with IFAD staff. In addition, parallel meetings could be organized among representatives of farmers' organizations and interested IFAD staff around particular initiatives and experiences. For example one meeting could be held between organizations of Central America and COPROFAM to reflect on the experience of REAF in the context of MERCOSUR.

Wednesday, 15 February

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| 15:00- | One farmer leader participates as panellist in the |
| 17:30 | Panel Discussion in the Plenary on the theme:
"Innovation challenges for the rural poor" |
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| 20:00 | Official Governing Council Reception |
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Thursday, 16 February

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| 9:30- | Thematic Round-table discussions |
| 12:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adaptive research in support of pro-poor innovations in rural development: Successes from IFAD's grant programme• Strengthening rural institutions for the poor• Securing access to land for the rural poor |
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| 15:00 | Meeting of the Steering Committee for assessment of the FF-GC results and preparation for next steps. |
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| 20:00 | Informal dinner at Casa San Bernardo with FF participants and IFAD staff |
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13-14 February 2006

Palazzo dei Congressi
Piazzale J. F. Kennedy 5 (EUR)
Rome, Italy

The Farmers' Forum

in conjunction with the
Governing Council of IFAD 2006

Sunday, 12 February

Pre-registration at Hotel San Bernardo

Briefing session with Steering Committee members on the agenda of the Farmers Forum and on the farmer representatives who will participate as panellist at the Governing Council Plenary Panel and the Round-tables.

13-14 February: Farmers' Forum

Monday, 13 February

8:30	Departure from hotel by bus to Palazzo dei Congressi
9:00	Launch of the Farmers' Forum Gunilla Olsson, Director, Policy Division, IFAD, opens the forum and chairs this first session. Tour de Table: all participants introduce themselves Mr. L. Bage, President of IFAD (10 minutes) Interventions by representatives of Farmers' Organizations members of the Forum's Steering Committee, IFAP, ROPPA, La Via Campesina, CONTAG and WFF. The purpose of these interventions is to explain briefly why they engage with this initiative and what they expect from it. (Maximum 8 minutes each)
10:00-10:15	Coffee break
10:15-12:30	Trends and developments in IFAD's partnerships with, and support to, Farmers' and Rural Producer's Organisations (FOs) IFAD's Engagement with FOs at local, country and regional level <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IFAD: Evolving engagement with FOs and mapping of ongoing initiatives• Five national level FOs: Experiences in working with IFAD (including India, Mali, Brazil...)• General Discussion: Areas for improvement• Introduction to working group sessions
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14:00-16:30	Improving and institutionalizing IFAD/FOs partnerships Working Group Sessions: Three groups will be formed on a regional basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Africa• Asia• Latin America Each group will have a facilitator/chair from IFAD's operations divisions and a rapporteur from a farmers' organization. (In session coffee break)
16:30-18:00	Plenary session: Feedback from the regional working groups and general discussion on conclusions and recommendations in plenary
18:00	Reception at Palazzo dei Congressi
19:00	Bus to hotel San Bernardo
20:00	Evening working session of the Steering Committee (IFAD, IFAP, ROPPA, La Via Campesina, CONTAG, WFF) on recommendations on institutionalizing IFAD/FOs partnership. A text needs to be prepared as input to the Forum's final statement. It will include detailed proposals for the next cycle of the Forum process, 2006-2008.

Tuesday, 14 February

8:30	Departure from hotel by bus to Palazzo dei Congressi
9:00-9:15	Plenary: introduction to the Thematic Working Group Sessions
9:30-11:30	Thematic Working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pro-poor access to land and land tenure security (Debate launched by: La Via Campesina, EAFF and ROPPA)• Building capacity of grassroots rural institutions and pro-poor institutional development (Debate launched by: IFAP and SEWA/AIFWA)• Regional Markets Integration and Family Farmers (Debate launched by: COPROFAM, ROPPA and AFA) Each working group will have one or two IFAD staff as facilitator(s) and a farmers' leader as rapporteur. (In session coffee break)
11:30-13:00	Plenary session: feedback and discussion
11:30-12:15	Report and recommendations of Group I General Discussion
12:15-13:00	Report and recommendations of Group II General Discussion
13:00-14:15	Lunch
14:15-17:00	Plenary session
14:15-15:00	Report and recommendations of Group III General discussion
15:00-16:00	Synthesis of issues and recommendations to IFAD
16:00-16:45	Coffee break and bilateral meetings with IFAD staff The Steering Committee meets to review the draft of the concluding statement of the Farmers' Forum to be delivered to the Governing Council and to agree on the composition of the Steering Committee of the Farmers Forum for 2006-2008.
16:45-18:30	Final session chaired by Mr C. Enweze, Vice-President of IFAD (open to Executive Board Directors) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation, discussion and approval of the conclusion and key recommendations of the Farmers' Forum on the way forward in institutionalizing IFAD-FO partnership, including detailed process for the 2006-2008 Forum cycle.• Approval by FOs' representatives of the composition of the Steering Committee of the Farmers Forum for 2006-2008.• Presentation and approval by FOs' representatives of the statement that the Farmers' Forum will deliver to the Governing Council. This will include a summary of key messages on themes I, II and III.• Reaction of IFAD management (President or Vice-President) and closing of the Forum.