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- Webinar on applying agroecology in IFAD operations

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| Delegation members: | • Emile A. Frison (former Director General of Bioversity International)  
• Emma Siliprandi (FAO)  
• Rikke Grand Olivera (IFAD)  
• Sebastien Subsol (IFAD)  
• Karan Sehgal (IFAD) |

**Closing Remarks**

Dear colleagues,

The webinar “Applying agroecology in IFAD operations” is about to end and I would like to give some closing remarks.

First, I would like to thank the speakers. **Emile and Emma** gave us a comprehensive overview of what agroecology is and why it is needed. They highlighted that our current food systems are not sustainable and that a paradigm change towards diversified agroecological systems is essential. Emile made the case that a shift towards agroecology has positive impacts on economy, environment, health and society. Emma presented the “Scaling up Agroecology Initiative” this is spearheading efforts to promote agroecology in policies and institutions, and to build knowledge and innovation.

A big thanks to **Rikke** who presented us the IFAD stocktaking exercise on agroecology, led by PMI. IFAD colleagues, please partake in this exercise. If you are interested in agroecology, you are also welcome to join the working group on agroecology. Please get in touch with Rikke.

I would also like to thank **Karan and Sebastien** for providing us insights in two IFAD-funded projects where agroecological practices are being applied. They showed us that agroecology is not just a concept, but also a viable solution for farmers to practise sustainable agriculture. The examples also showed us that agroecology can be successfully applied in different geographical contexts.

I would also like to thank **Oliver** who organized this webinar with the support of Maria Elena, Andrew, Doina and Ricci.

We will keep you posted when our next learning event or webinar will take place. Thank you very much for attending our webinar. To those in Rome I wish you a good lunch.

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