

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small quantity of multi-colored beans (including purple, yellow, green, and speckled varieties) over a large woven basket that is overflowing with the same diverse selection of beans. The background is a dense field of these colorful beans, creating a vibrant and textured backdrop.

# The Farmers' Forum

In conjunction with the forty-third session  
of IFAD's Governing Council

6-11 February 2020

IFAD  
Via Paolo di Dono, 44  
Rome, Italy

# Main sessions of the Farmers' Forum

## Thursday, 6 February 2020 (IFAD HQ)

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9:00-10:30 **Opening session** of the Global Meeting of the Farmers' Forum  
Address by the President of IFAD  
Interventions by members of the Steering Committee

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10:30-10:45 Coffee break

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10:45-12:30 **First plenary session:** trends in IFAD partnerships with FOs. IFAD presentation of "Partnership in progress 2016-2019" and plenary discussion

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12:30-14:00 Lunch

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14:00-16:15 **Parallel regional working group:** sessions with the five regional divisions. Sessions to be co-chaired by regional directors and regional FAFO Steering Committee chairs.

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16:15-16:30 Coffee break

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16:30-17:30 **Second plenary session:** reports from regional working groups

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18:00-19:00 **Working session of the Steering Committee:** first draft of the Synthesis of Deliberations

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## Friday, 7 February 2020 (IFAD HQ)

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9:00-10:15 **Third plenary session:** presentation of IFAD12 proposal by IFAD management and Q&A in plenary

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10:15-10:30 Coffee break

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10:30-12:30 **Five parallel thematic working groups:**

- Climate change and agroecology: what opportunities for further partnership between FOs and IFAD
  - IFAD12 new instruments (ASAP+ and Private Sector)
  - United Nations Decade of Family Farming and the road map for the Food Systems Summit 2021
  - Gender equality and women's leadership in agriculture
  - Youth in agriculture and rural development
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12:30-14:00 Lunch

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14:00-16:15 **Fourth plenary session:** reports from the five thematic working groups

First discussion of draft Synthesis of Deliberations

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16:15-16:30 Coffee break

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16:30-17:30 IFAD management response to draft Synthesis

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## Monday, 10 February 2020 (IFAD HQ)

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9:00-10:30 **Parallel FAFO side events:**

- Regional programmes in support of FOs (SFOAP-MTCP)
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants

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10:30-11:00 Coffee break

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11:00-12:30 **Parallel FAFO side events:**

- Financing FO projects
- FO profiling and digital platform
- ABC Fund

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12:30-14:00 Lunch

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14:00-15:30 **Special plenary session: Towards the Food Systems Summit 2021**

Presentation and discussion of the report "Farmers and food systems, what future for small-scale agriculture?" (Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford)

FAFO exchange with Agnes Kalibata, special envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General, on the road map to the Food Systems Summit 2021

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15:30-16:00 Coffee break

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16:00-17:30 **Final plenary session:** (open to IFAD Member State representatives)

Reading of the Synthesis of Deliberations, proposals to improve the partnership between IFAD and FOs

Reactions of IFAD management (Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department)

Exchanges with representatives of IFAD Governing Bodies

Closure of the Farmers' Forum

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## Tuesday, 11 February 2020 (IFAD HQ)

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9:00-10:30 **Parallel FAFO side events:**

- Territorial markets for sustainable food systems
- Branding of Family Farming products

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10:30-11:00 Coffee break

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11:00-12:30 **Parallel FAFO side events:**

- Voluntary guidelines on small scale fisheries
- United Nations Decade of Family Farming

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12:30-14:00 Lunch

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### IFAD Governing Council hosted at FAO

Launch of IFAD12 Replenishment at the Governing Council, with one speaker from the FAFO

Reading of the statement of the FAFO at the Governing Council

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## Preparatory sessions

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### Tuesday, 4 February 2020 (Hotel Occidental Aran Park)

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| 9:30-12:00  | Farmers' Forum Steering Committee meeting   |
| 12:30-13:30 | Meeting of the FAFO Steering Committee with the President of IFAD (IFAD HQs)          |
| 16:00-18:00 | Preparatory meetings of networks of farmers' and rural producers' organizations (FOs) |
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### Wednesday, 5 February 2020 (Hotel Occidental Aran Park)

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| 9:30-12:00  | Preparatory meeting of networks of farmers' and rural producers' organizations (plenary) |
| 14:00-18:00 | Preparatory meeting of networks of farmers' and rural producers' organizations (plenary) |
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## Weekend session

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### Saturday, 8 February 2020 (Hotel Occidental Aran Park)

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- Finalization and validation of the FAFO Synthesis of Deliberations by the Steering Committee
  - Preparation of side events
  - Other meetings with FOs and partners
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