

## GMUN – Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, 7 July 2021

10:00-11:30 CEST

### Overview

Many thanks for accepting to take part in the Opening Ceremony of [Global Model United Nations \(GMUN\) 2021](#) which will be held on **Wednesday, 7 July 2021, from 10:00 to 11:30 CEST**.

GMUN is a simulation of the work of the United Nations (UN), organized by the public universities of Rome and the International Fund for Agricultural Development of the UN (IFAD).

The Opening Ceremony, which will be live streamed on IFAD's YouTube account, will be moderated by **Ms Sara Savastano**, Director of IFAD's Research and Impact Assessment Division. The Opening Ceremony will also be recorded for archival purposes and future use.

It will be attended by around 150 participants, specifically youth from 18 to 25 years of age, joining online from Europe and abroad.

After the initial discussion and concluding remarks by the speakers, the online participants will have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session.

To date, the Opening Ceremony has featured speakers such as foreign ambassadors to Italy, high-ranking officials and experts from IFAD, as well as the representatives of the public universities of Rome. More information about the 2020 edition can be found [here](#).

### Running Order

#### 09:55 – Technical check

We kindly ask that speakers join the Zoom session at **09:55 CEST**. This would allow us to check that everything is working well from a technical perspective before we go live.

[Joining the session](#) - To access the Zoom session where the Opening Ceremony will take place, please refer to the following details:

#### **ZOOM MEETING**

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [Click Here to Join](#)

Note: This link should not be shared with others; it is unique to you.

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#### **ZOOM MEETING INFO**

**Meeting ID:** 915 3877 4587

**Password:** 318565

- It is advisable to open the link using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser. When clicking on the link, speakers will be asked to allow access to their microphone and webcam, please click **allow**. We also kindly ask that speakers write their name exactly how they would like it to appear during the livestream.

- All the speakers and the moderators will be able to see and hear each other, which will enable final preparations to verify that all technical aspects are covered.

### 10:00 – 10:10

**Mr Alberto Cogliati** – Director and Chief Risk Officer in IFAD’s Office of Enterprise Risk Management (RMO) and a member of the Executive Management Committee (EMC).

### 10:10 – 10:15 Opening Remarks

**Professor Orazio Schillaci** – Rector of the University of Rome “Tor Vergata” will give way to the start of the Opening Ceremony in his opening remarks.

### 10:15 – 10:35 Plenary Session Speakers

**10:15 – 10:20 - Ms Sara Savastano**, chairing and moderating the Plenary Session, will open this section of the Opening Ceremony.

**10:20 – 10:35 – Mr Maximo Torero**, Chief Economist of FAO.

### 10:35 – 10:50 Discussions

**10:35 – 10:40 – Professor Pierluigi Montalbano**, Sapienza University of Rome.

**10:40 – 10:45 – Professor Silvia Nenci**, Roma Tre University.

**10:45 – 10:50 – Professor Furio Camillo Rosati**, Director of CEIS at the University of “Rome Tor Vergata”.

### 10:50 – 10:55 Concluding Remarks

**Professor Gustavo Piga**, Director of B.A. in Global Governance from the University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, will give the final concluding remarks of the Opening Ceremony.

### 10:55– 11:20 Q&A Session

The final part of the Opening Ceremony will be a Q&A session with the online participants. The GMUN team will collect question directly from the participants and questions submitted via social media.

The Q&A session will be the last segment of the Opening Ceremony, which will then be closed by the moderator.

## Tips for participating in virtual events:

Please see below the following advice for speakers participating in a virtual event:

### Before you go live:

- For a better experience, it is advised to use either Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox browsers;
- A laptop or computer is best to broadcast from, with a good quality webcam if possible;
- An external microphone will ensure better sound, but a built-in microphone will be sufficient;
- Make sure you have a strong internet speed, to ensure there is no buffering or freezing during your participation. Test the line beforehand if possible;
- Sitting back further from the computer and framing yourself in the middle of the screen is advisable.

## Contact

For any assistance, representatives from GMUN will be available via the 'private chat' function in Zoom throughout the event. They will be identifiable by their names in the participants' list, which will be in the format "**Name\_Surname\_GMUN**". Should you need to urgently contact one of the team prior to the event or during, please use the below details:

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If communicating via email, please make sure to include both contacts in the recipients' field, to allow for a timely and accurate response.

## Webcasting

The event will be webcast live on IFAD's YouTube account [here](#). We encourage panelists and speakers to share these details with any external audiences that might be interested in following the event.

**Link to YouTube streaming:** <https://youtu.be/3mrGnryUfCY>

## Supporting Attachments

[GMUN Infopack](#)

[Opening Ceremony Running Order \(Visual Asset\)](#)