2023 IFAD INNOVATION DAY

Financing innovation for rural and agricultural development
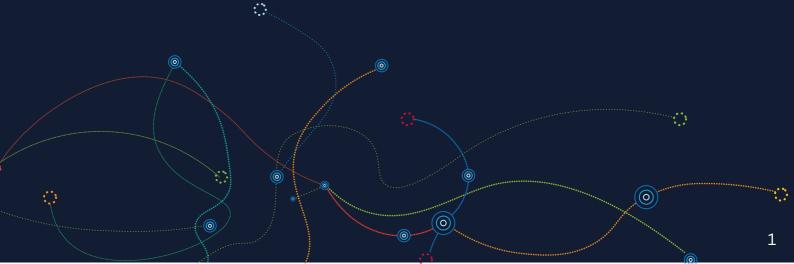
09:45-10:45 CEST, Wednesday 28 June 2023

Italian Room, IFAD HQ, Italy and Online

In this session, representatives of the offices of innovation and/or digital transformation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP) Innovation Accelerator will share lessons and good practices on how to support and finance innovations that have potential to deliver results and impact for sustainable, equitable and inclusive rural and agricultural development.

Speakers at this session will also share experiences on running prize competitions to originate, test and scale up new solutions, prioritise investments in solutions that demonstrate potential to deliver impact, as well as curate partnerships that can contribute to resource optimization and higher levels of support and financing.

Conclusions and a strategic foresight will be offered by Sara Mbago, Regional Director of the East and Southern Africa Division of IFAD.

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AGENDA

TIME	ITEM
09.45-09:50	*Moderator:* **Dana Catherine Vettel** Communication Officer, Partnership and Innovation, Global Communications and Advocacy Division, IFAD
09.50-10.20	*ROUND TABLE* **Hila Cohen** Deputy Head, WFP Innovation Accelerator **Marc Lepage** Technology Innovation Specialist, Asian Development Bank **Cortney Price** Lead for Behavioural Science, Office of Innovation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) **Gladys H. Morales** Senior Officer, Global Head of Innovation, IFAD
10.20-10.30	*Q&A*
10.30-10:37	*CLOSING REMARKS* **Sara Mbago** Regional Director, East and Southern Africa Division, IFAD
10.37-10:45	*Moderator:* **Dana Catherine Vettel** Communication Officer, Partnership and Innovation, Global Communications and Advocacy Division, IFAD