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

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

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