

2023 IFAD INNOVATION DAY



Funding evidence-based innovative solutions to rural development challenges: the case of the Fund for Innovation in Development

hosted by the **Fund for Innovation in Development (FID)**



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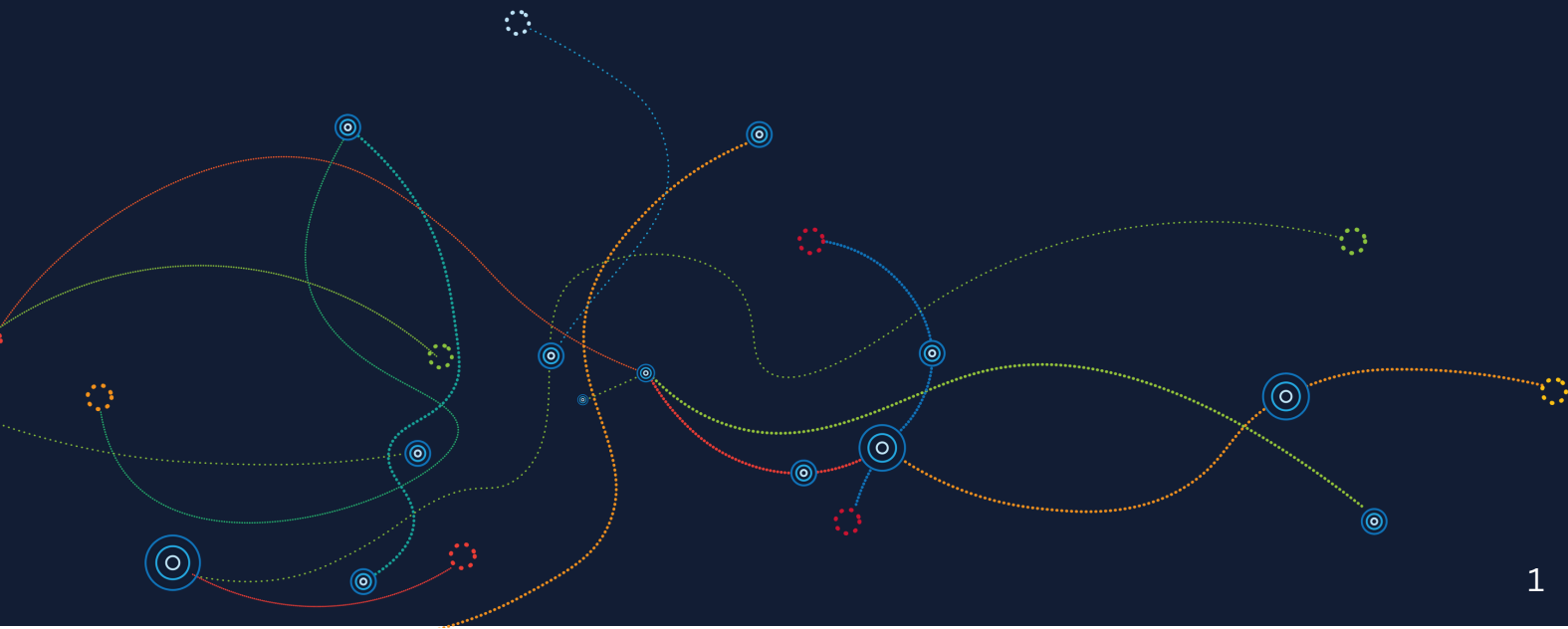


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The Fund for Innovation in Development (FID), chaired by Professor Esther Duflo and hosted at the Agence Française de Développement, was launched early 2021 to offer a new ground for the experimentation of the most innovative and impactful solutions in the fight against poverty and inequalities. It brings together innovative solutions providers, researchers and policy-makers to pilot new solutions, rigorously validate their potential impact, help them rapidly scale up based on existing evidence and transform public policies.

Two years after its creation, FID has built a strong portfolio of more than 50 projects across thematic areas including rural development solutions. FID wishes to share and discuss the first lessons learned from funding evidence-based innovative solutions from early stage prototypes to wider scale impact evaluations. We will discuss with team leaders and researchers involved in rural development projects supported by FID on the specific dynamics at the intersect of innovation and impact evaluation.



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TIME	ITEM
11.00-11.05	OPENING REMARKS Her Excellency, Céline Jurgensen Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations in Rome
11.05-11.10	MODERATOR Claire Bernard Deputy Director, Fund for Innovation in Development (FID), France
11.10-11.17	KEYNOTE SPEECH Discussion on the role and achievements of FID in bridging innovation and research to experiment and transform rural development policies. Tanguy Bernard Professor of University of Bordeaux and Director of Bordeaux School of Economics, France
11.17-11.35	FIRESIDE CHAT <i>Discussion on the benefits and challenges to bridging the gap between researchers and innovators in rural development</i> Denis Muchangi Senior Lecturer, Kirinyaga University, Kenya Eveline Jansen Regional Programme Manager, FoodFlow, Enviu, Netherlands
11.35-11.45	Concluding Remarks Claire Bernard Deputy Director, FID, France Tanguy Bernard Professor of University of Bordeaux and Director of Bordeaux School of Economics, France
11.45-12.00	Q&A