



**SEVENTH GLOBAL MEETING OF THE
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' FORUM AT IFAD**

Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination:
A pathway for food security and sovereignty

10-11 February 2025, Italian Conference Room

AGENDA

Monday, 10 February

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- 9.30-10.45 **Opening session. Chair: *Pieterneel Boogaard*, Managing Director, Office of Technical Delivery, IFAD**
 Indigenous Peoples' opening ceremony
 Welcoming remarks by the **Chair**
 Opening remarks by **Alvaro Lario**, President of IFAD
 Message from **His Holiness Pope Francis**, read by **Monsignor Fernando Chica Arellano**, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome
 Opening remarks by **Myrna Cunningham**, Chairperson, Steering Committee of the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD (IPFI)
 Keynote address by **Albert Kwokwo Barume**, Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
 Video message by **Her Excellency Sônia Guajajara**, Minister for Indigenous Peoples, Federative Republic of Brazil
 Video message by **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Chairperson, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
 Presentation and approval of the agenda by the **Chair**
 Commemoration in honor of **Vanda Altarelli**
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- 10.45-11.00 Coffee break
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- 11.00-12.30 **Trends and developments in IFAD's partnership with Indigenous Peoples. Chair: *Jesús Amadeo Martínez*, Member, IPFI Steering Committee**
 Presentation on the Forum theme "Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination: a pathway for food security and sovereignty" by **Joan Carling**, Chairperson, Board of the Indigenous Peoples of Asia Solidarity Fund
 Presentation on IFAD's progress in its engagement with Indigenous Peoples during 2023-2024 by **Ilaria Firmian**, Senior Technical Specialist, Indigenous Peoples, IFAD
 Video on the **Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility (IPAF)**
 Presentation on the achievements made by the IPAF projects by **Eleanor Dictaan-Bang-ao** (Tebtebba Foundation), **Jacqueline Macharia** (Samburu Women Trust), **Nadia Fenly Mejía** (International Indigenous Women's Forum), Representatives, IPAF Regional Implementing Partners
 Presentations on the findings and recommendations of the regional and sub-regional consultation meetings held in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Pacific by **Tunda Lepore**, **Anthony Debbarma**, **Dayana Domicó** and **Ulaiasi Baya**, Members, IPFI Steering Committee
 Discussion
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- 12.30-14.00 Lunch organized by Slow Food and IFAD Social Inclusion Cluster (Indigenous Peoples' delegates only), Executive Dining Room (floor -1)
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- 14.00-15.00 **From our ancestors: A storytelling session on self-determination. Co-Chairs: *Tunda Lepore*, *Mai Thin Yumon* and *Dayana Domicó*, Youth Members, IPFI Steering Committee**
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- 15.00-17.00 **Regional parallel sessions: Strengthening the engagement of Indigenous Peoples with IFAD at the country and regional levels (Indigenous Peoples' delegates and IFAD staff only)**
- **Africa, Italian Conference Room. Chairs: *Joseph Ole Simel*, IPFI Steering Committee and *Sara Mbago-Bhunu*, Regional Director, East and Southern Africa Division, IFAD**
 - **Asia and the Pacific, Oval Conference Room (floor -1). Chairs: *Mai Thin Yumon*, Youth Member, IPFI Steering Committee and *Reehana Raza*, Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD**
 - **Latin America and the Caribbean, Conference Room S149 (floor -1). Chairs: *Ricardo Campos*, Member, Mesoamerican Indigenous Council and *Rossana Polastri*, Regional Director, Latin America and the Caribbean Division, IFAD**
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- 17.00-18.00 Welcoming reception, conference area (floor -1)

Tuesday, 11 February

- 9.30-10.15 **Strengthening the engagement of Indigenous Peoples with IFAD at the country and regional levels.** *Chair: Joseph Ole Simel, Member, IPFI Steering Committee*
Reports of the three regional parallel sessions
Discussion on how to improve the partnership between IFAD and Indigenous Peoples
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- 10.15-11.15 **Free, prior and informed consent experiences.** *Chair: Oliver Page, Lead Regional Climate Change and Environmental Specialist, IFAD and Member, IPAF Board*
Mane Yun, Executive Director, Cambodia Indigenous Peoples Organization, Member, IPFI Steering Committee and IFAD Indigenous Expert
Elifuraha Laltaika, Senior Law Lecturer, Tumaini University Makumira and IFAD Indigenous Expert (virtual)
Filiberto Penados, Research Director, Galen University and IFAD Indigenous Expert
Arundhati Inamdar Willetts, Lead Advisor, SECAP, Mainstreaming and Climate Tracking, IFAD
Discussion
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- 11.15-11.30 Coffee break
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- 11.30-12.30 **Unpacking Indigenous Peoples' food systems.** *Chair: Mai Thin Yumon, Member, IPFI Steering Committee*
Alejandra Pero, Global Indigenous Peoples Advisor, World Food Programme (virtual)
Yon Fernández de Larrinoa, Head, Indigenous Peoples Unit, Food and Agriculture Organization
Antonella Cordone, Senior Technical Specialist, Nutrition, IFAD
Phrang Roy, Coordinator, The Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty
Dalí Nolazco Cruz, Member, Board of Directors, Slow Food International
Discussion
H.E. Miguel Jorge García Winder, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the UN Agencies Based in Rome
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- 12.30-14.00 Lunch break, cafeteria (ground floor)
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- 14.00-15.15 **Discussion and finalization of the Synthesis of Deliberations (closed session).** *Chair: Myrna Cunningham, Chairperson, IPFI Steering Committee and Member, IPAF Board*
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- 15.15-15.45 Coffee break
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- 15.45-17.00 **Final plenary session open to IFAD Member States Representatives.** *Chair: Pieternel Boogaard, Managing Director, Office of Technical Delivery, IFAD*
Reading of the final Synthesis of Deliberations
Reactions of IFAD management by **Donal Brown**, Associate Vice-President, Department for Country Operations, IFAD
Exchanges with Member States
Closure of the Forum by **Gérardine Mukeshimana**, Vice-President of IFAD
Indigenous Peoples' closing ceremony
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- 17.00-18.30 Closing reception, foyer (ground floor)

Other activities around the Forum - Monday, 10 February and Tuesday, 11 February (9.00-17.30)

Indigenous Peoples' Marketplace, foyer (ground floor)
Slow Food's Game of Balance, foyer (ground floor)
Audio Guestbook, conference area (floor -1)

Forty-Eight Session of IFAD Governing Council

Governors' Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples, Plenary Hall - Thursday, 13 February (10.15-11.15)