



17-18 February 2014

# The Farmers' Forum

in conjunction with the thirty-seventh session  
of IFAD's Governing Council



## Agenda

### OVERVIEW

*The fifth global meeting of the Farmers' Forum will be organised in five different segments that will take place between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.*

**Segment 1: Saturday 8 February / Special session of the Farmers' Forum on Small-scale Fisheries.**

*This special session, organised at the request of the 2012 FAFO meeting, will gather selected IFAD staff and representatives of Fishers' Organizations involved in the consultations on the Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries Guidelines.*

**Segment 2: Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 February / Preparatory sessions**

*These preparatory sessions have been requested by the Farmers and Rural Producers Organisations (FOs) engaged in the Forum to allow them to better prepare their meeting with IFAD. They will include a meeting of the Steering Committee on Saturday 15 morning and plenary sessions of all FOs delegates on Sunday. They will take place at Barceló Aran Park Hotel where all delegates are hosted.*

**Segment 3: Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 February / Main sessions of the Farmers' Forum**

*The main sessions of the Forum are organised as business discussion between FOs representatives and IFAD staff and managers and are focussed on FOs-IFAD operational partnership. Their agenda is defined by the FAFO Steering Committee and they are chaired by FOs leaders. The plenary session in the Italian Conference Room will be opened on Monday at 9:00 by the President of IFAD and closed on Tuesday at 18:30 by the Vice President. Active participation of CPMs and CPOs is sought during these two days and particularly to contribute to the thematic Working Groups that will take place on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. IFAD Governors and Executive Board members are invited to the last plenary session of Tuesday 18 afternoon chaired by the Director of the Policy and Technical Advisory Division.*

**Segment 4: Wednesday 19 February and morning of Thursday 20 February / Bilateral meetings between FOs and Operational staff and informal working sessions.**

*During the IFAD Governing Council meeting, FOs delegates can follow the GC as observers while others will have the opportunity to meet with Regional Divisions and PTA staff. Informal working sessions between FOs' participants and selected IFAD staff and partners will be organised on demand.*

**Segment 5: Thursday 20 February afternoon / Side events of the Farmers' Forum**

*After the closure of the Governing Council meeting, four Side Events of the FAFO are organised in the afternoon of Thursday 20, in the Plenary Hall of the GC premises and in Room C 300. These events are open to all FOs delegates, IFAD staff and partners and FAFO observers.*

**Saturday, 8 February 2014 (IFAD HQ)**

**Special Session of the Farmers' Forum:  
"Small-Scale Fisheries"**

Detailed Agenda will be shared before the event.

Objective: Fishers' Organizations expectations vis-à-vis IFAD and Small-Scale Fisheries (SSF) development and support to the implementation of the Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries Guidelines.

Annotation: Participants are selected IFAD staff and representatives of fishers' organizations involved in the consultations on the Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries Guidelines.

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# Preparatory Sessions of the Farmers' Forum

## Saturday, 15 February 2014 (Barceló Aran Park Hotel)

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9:30 - 13:00	Farmers' Forum Steering Committee meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of the Agenda</li><li>• Discussion of the way forward of the Farmers' Forum</li><li>• Fine-tuning of the preparation of the working groups and side events</li><li>• Preliminary discussion on the Statement to the Governing Council</li></ul>

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Afternoon	Preparatory meetings of networks of farmers' and rural producers' organizations (FOs)
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14:30 - 18:30	Registration of participants
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## Sunday, 16 February 2014 (Barceló Aran Park Hotel)

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Morning	Preparatory meeting of networks of farmers' and rural producers' organizations (plenary)
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Afternoon	Preparatory meeting of networks of farmers' and rural producers' organizations (plenary)
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17:00 - 18:00	Farmers' Forum Steering Committee meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussion of the Statements to the Farmers' Forum and to the Governing Council</li><li>• Finalization the organisation of the open working group (theme/speakers and envisaged output)</li></ul>

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14:30 - 18:30	Registration of participants
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## 17-18 February 2014: Main sessions of the Farmers' Forum

### Monday, 17 February 2014(IFAD HQ)

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9:00 - 10:15	<b>Opening session</b>  Presentation of the agenda  Address by the President of IFAD  Interventions by members of the Steering Committee
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 12:30	<b>Plenary session:</b> trends and developments in IFAD's partnerships with FOs; IFAD presentation of "Partnership in Progress 2012-2013"; plenary discussion and wrap-up of key issues for the thematic working groups
12:30 - 13:00	<b>Plenary session:</b> Feedback from the Special Session on small-scale fisheries
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 17:30	<b>Parallel thematic working group sessions:</b> presentation of case studies and discussion of good practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roles of FOs in linking smallholder/family producers to local/regional markets on better terms – <i>Staple crops</i> / Italian Conference Room</li><li>• Roles of FOs in linking smallholder/family producers to local/regional markets on better terms– <i>Fisheries, livestock &amp; dairy</i> / Oval Room A</li><li>• Building inclusive agricultural policy dialogue platforms at national and regional levels: achieving policy results for smallholders' and family farmers / Oval Room B</li><li>• Regional programmes in support of FOs: sharing the experience of Support to Farmers' Organizations in Africa Programme (SFOAP), Medium Term Cooperation Programme (MTCP) in Asia and prospects for scaling up / Room C 300 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor wing C)</li><li>• Theme to be selected by FO members of the Steering Committee / Room C 400 (4<sup>th</sup> floor wing C)</li></ul>
17:30 - 18:30	Rapporteurs prepare their feedback from the first day of the thematic working groups
18:00 - 19:30	Moving forward: breaking the glass ceiling - Strengthening women's presence and influence in farmers' organizations. (organized by IFAD's Gender Desk) / Executive Dining Room

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## Tuesday, 18 February 2014 (IFAD HQ)

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8:30 - 10:45	<b>Parallel thematic working group sessions:</b>  Continuation of thematic working groups: findings from day 1 and implications for the partnerships between IFAD and FOs
10:45 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:30	<b>Plenary session:</b> reports of the five thematic working groups
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:00	<b>Plenary session:</b> discussion on how to improve the partnership between IFAD and FOs based on recommendations and outcomes of the working groups' discussions; presentation of the Statement prepared by the Farmers' Forum Steering Committee to be delivered during the IFAD Governing Council
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 18:30	<b>Final plenary session (open to representatives of IFAD Governing Bodies)</b>  Discussion on the outputs of the working groups and proposals to improve the partnership between IFAD and FOs  Reactions of IFAD management (Associate Vice President, Programme Management Department)  Exchanges with representatives of IFAD Governing Bodies  Closure of the Farmers' Forum by the Vice President of IFAD

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## Wednesday, 19 February 2014 (IFAD HQ)

### Informal Working Sessions of the Farmers' Forum

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11:00-12:30	Meeting with Asia and the Pacific Division/ Room C 500 (5 <sup>th</sup> floor wing C)
14:00-16:00	Meeting with Western Central Africa Division/ Room C 300 (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor wing C)
14:00 - 16:00	Presentation of "More and better public policies in support of family farming – the experience of REAF Mercosur / Room C 400 (4 <sup>th</sup> floor wing C)
16:30 – 18:00	Presentation and discussion of draft IFAD toolkit on "How to engage with farmers' organizations to link smallholders to markets" / Room C 300 (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor wing C)
16:30 – 18:00	Family farmers of the world; organized by CIRAD / Room C 400 (4 <sup>th</sup> floor wing C)

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*During the day bilateral meetings between the participants of the Farmers' Forum and the Directors of the Regional Divisions will be organised. Additional working sessions may be organized – information will be available to participants on 17 and 18 February during the Farmers' Forum.*

*The participants in the Farmers' Forum are invited to the Governing Council with observer status. The Farmers' Forum Statement is delivered to the Governing Council Plenary on 19 February*

## Thursday, 20 February 2014 (IFAD HQ)

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09:00- 10:00	P4P-Purchase for Progress; organized by WFP / Room C 300 (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor wing C)
10:00- 12:30	Farmers' Forum Steering Committee meeting / Room C 400 (4 <sup>th</sup> floor wing C)

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### Side Events of the Farmers' Forum

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14:00 - 16:00	Side Event 1: "The International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) and the campaigns at national levels", organized by WRF and the IYFF campaign / Governing Council Premises - Plenary Hall
14:00 - 16:00	Side Event 2: "Agriculture Advisory Services and Farmers' Organizations", organised by GFRAS and FAO / Room C 300 (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor wing C)
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 18:30	Side Event 3: "Agro-ecological peasant agriculture, food production and fisheries are an answer to the food and climate crisis. Which support is effective?", organized by La Via Campesina / Governing Council Premises - Plenary Hall
16:30 - 18:30	Side Event 4: "Farmers in the governance of Agriculture Research and Innovation for Development", organized by AFA and GFAR / Room C 300 (3 <sup>rd</sup> floor wing C)

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