

# IFAD Gender Awards 2021

15 October 2021, 2.30-4.00 p.m. CET  
International Rural Women's Day

## Awards Ceremony

**Celebrating the International Day of Rural Women with IFAD's agents of change!**

This event is held to celebrate the winners of the 2021 IFAD Gender Awards.

Since 2013, for the awards, IFAD has put the spotlight on one project per region, which has implemented innovative approaches to address gender inequalities and empower women. During this year's event we celebrate the achievements of real change makers from Kenya, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines and Tunisia.

The event is in English with interpretation in French, Spanish and International Sign (IS) language. English live captions will also be available.

14.30 **Welcome Remarks by the MOC**

**Ndaya Beltchika**, Lead Technical Specialist – Gender and Social Inclusion, IFAD

14.35 **International Rural Women's Day address by the President of IFAD**

**Gilbert Hougbo**, President, IFAD

14.45 **Awards Ceremony**

- **Donal Brown**, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD
- **Faith Muthoni Livingstone**, Project Coordinator Upper Tana Catchment Natural Resource Management Project (UTaNRMP), Kenya
- **Justa del Rosario Perez Acuña**, Ministry of Family, Community, Cooperative and Associative Economy (MEFCCA), Nicaraguan Dry Corridor Rural Family Sustainable Development Project (NICAVIDA), Nicaragua
- **Garba S. Bala**, Project Coordinator Value Chain Development Programme (VCDP), Nigeria
- **Jessica Munoz**, Project Coordinator Fisheries, Coastal Resources and Livelihood Project (FishCORAL), Philippines
- **Salma Jalouali**, Project Coordinator Agropastoral Value Chains Project in the Governorate of Médenine (PRODEFIL), Tunisia

15.05 **Winners at a glance - Video**

15.10 **Panel discussion and Q&A: "Accelerating progress towards a sustainable future: Addressing gender inequalities and empowering women in agricultural and rural development"**

Panellists:

- **Joyce Wairimu Mathenge**, Project Gender Focal Point UTaNRMP, Kenya
- **Rosa Argentina Rugama**, Project Gender Focal Point NICAVIDA, Nicaragua
- **Musa D. Dalang**, Project Gender Focal Point VCDP, Nigeria
- **Rhine Joy Lesigues**, Project Gender Focal Point FishCORAL, Philippines
- **Maali Wejdane**, Project Gender Focal Point PRODEFIL, Tunisia

15.55 **Closing Remarks**

**Guoqi Wu**, Associate Vice-President, Corporate Services Department, IFAD