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Dominik Ziller is Vice-President of IFAD. He gives strategic direction to the institution, and promotes corporate approaches and solutions. He has direct oversight of the budget, quality assurance and ethics offices. Prior to joining IFAD, Ziller was Director General for International Development Cooperation for International Development Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. His responsibilities included the European Union's development cooperation, United Nations, World Bank Group, regional development banks, OECD, development processes of the G7 and the G20, the World Trade Organization and topics of financing for development and effectiveness/transparency. During Germany's G20 Presidency, Ziller chaired the Development Working Group. Previously, he held various

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Maximo Torero Cullen joined the Food and Agriculture Organization in January 2019 as Assistant Director-General for the Economic and Social Development Department. Prior to joining FAO, he was the World Bank Group Executive Director for Argentina, Bolivia, Chile Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay since November 2016 and before the Bank Mr. Torero led the Division of the Markets, Trade, and Institutions at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). His major research work lies mostly in analysing poverty, inequality, importance of geography and assets (private or public) in explaining poverty, and in policies oriented towards poverty alleviation based on the role played by infrastructure, institutions, and on how technological breakthroughs (or discontinuities) can improve the welfare of households and small farmers. His experience encompasses Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Asia.

Mr. Torero, a national of Peru, holds a Ph.D. and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of the Pacific, Lima, Peru. He is a professor on leave at the University of the Pacific, Perú, and an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at University of Bonn, Germany, and has also published in top journals (QJE, Econometric Theory, AER-Applied Microeconomics, RSTAT, Labor Economics and many other top journals). Mr. Torero has received in 2000 the Georg Foster Research Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, won the Award for Outstanding Research on Development given by the Global Development Network, twice, in 2000 and in 2002, and received the Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole in 2014.

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Ruggero Arico graduated in Law at the University of Messina, Italy in 1999 and he was admitted to the Bar in 2002. He joined Enel in 2000 at the Institutional and International Affairs Department. In 2003, he moved to Brussels to manage the institutional relations with the European Union, in particular he worked very closely to the European Parliament. After 5 years, he moved to Moscow as Head of External Relations for Russia & CIS Countries and in 2010, he moved to Algiers as Head of External Relations for Algeria. Since March 2016, he is the new global Head of Institutional Affairs for Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania in Enel Green Power, the biggest renewable energy private company in the world. Ruggero has an extensive experience in international relations, governmental affairs, energy and environment regulation and legislation. He spent most of his life outside Italy, he speaks fluently several foreign languages and he is often invited worldwide as visiting professor in universities and as conference speaker and moderator. He is also Vice President of "Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo" (the General Confederation of Italian Industry association for the development of Italian businesses in Africa, the Mediterranean and the Middle East), Board Member of the Italia-ASEAN Association (the association that represents and supports Italian companies in all sectors with business interests in the ASEAN countries) and Member of the Coalition for Action Steering Committee at IRENA (the International Renewable Energy Association).

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Prior to joining IFAD, Natalia has worked in Banca IMI (now Intesa San Paolo) in ALM, risk management and in the trading division. Before that she worked in the EuroMTS bond trading platform in the Market Monitoring team.

She worked as Finance and Budget Network coordinator of the CEB Secretariat in Geneva, where she launched, amongst other things, the joint UN approach to managing the After Service Health Insurance (ASHI) portfolios. In IFAD, she covered several roles in finance, including Investment manager and Head of the Financial Planning Unit. She also has an experience in the Programme Department as

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Belissa has over 15 years of experience in the international development sector, advising private sector organizations, impact investors, development banks, and foundations on how to professionalize their management and measurement practices. Belissa is the CEO and founder of Impacto-consulting and focuses primarily on strategic planning, general management, sustainability, and impact measurement and management. She advises investors on how to measure and manage their environmental and social impacts. Her projects included working with IDB Lab on the design of an ESG & impact measurement and management (IMM) tool for early-stage

ventures with the potential to generate impact on a large scale, assessing ES Risk reporting best practices for DFIs, co-leading an initiative to support venture capital funds in the development of their IMM practices with IMP Impact Frontiers initiative, among others. She is also leading an initiative with On Think Tanks (OTT) and International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to bring cross-sector knowledge, policy, and economic expertise from local think tanks to the impact investing industry in Latin America and Africa.

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