



**15-16 February 2010**

**IFAD**

**Via Paolo di Dono, 44  
Rome, Italy**

# **The Farmers' Forum**

In conjunction with the thirty-third  
session of IFAD's Governing Council

# Special session of The Farmers' Forum

Preparatory workshop on promoting women's leadership in farmers' and rural producers' organizations

## Friday, 12 February 2010 (ARAN Park Hotel)

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16:30	Registration of participants
17:30-19:30	Introductory session – getting to know each other – explanation of the agenda – expectations (cocktail)
19:30	Dinner for participants and external guests

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## Saturday, 13 February 2010 (IFAD HQ)

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9:00-10:30	Introduction and plenary discussion
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-13:00	Group meetings (in parallel)
13:00-14:00	Lunch (with organic food)
14:00-15:30	Plenary: Feedback from groups and discussion
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-17:00	Group meetings (in parallel)
17:00-18:00	Plenary: Feedback and discussion
18:00-18:30	Plenary: Conclusion

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## Sunday, 14 February 2010 (ARAN Park Hotel)

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9:00-18:00	Preparatory and parallel meetings of networks of farmers' and rural producers' organizations (FOs)
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14:00-18:00	Registration of participants
18:15-20:00	Briefing session with the members of The Farmers' Forum Steering Committee

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# 15-16 February: The Farmers' Forum Global Meeting

## Monday, 15 February 2010

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9:00-10:30	Opening Session Address by the President of IFAD Interventions by members of The Farmers' Forum Steering Committee: IFAP, LVC, WFFP, WFF, AFA, COPROFAM, ROPPA (5 minutes each)
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:30	Plenary session: Trends and developments in IFAD's partnerships with FOs
12:30-13:00	Plenary session: feedback from the Saturday's preparatory workshop on promoting women's leadership in FOs
13:00-14:30	Lunch (with organic food)
14:30-17:30	Regional working group sessions: Progress achieved and future goals for IFAD/FO partnerships at national and regional levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Western and Central Africa</li><li>• Eastern and Southern Africa</li><li>• Near East, North Africa, Central and Eastern Europe</li><li>• Latin America and the Caribbean</li><li>• Asia and the Pacific</li></ul>
17:30-18:30	Preparation of the feedback from the regional working groups
18:00	Cocktail
20:00	Evening working session of The Farmers' Forum Steering Committee on recommendations for evolution of IFAD/FOs partnerships

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## Tuesday, 16 February 2010

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8:30-10:30	Regional Thematic working groups (in parallel): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Western and Central Africa: Role of FOs in value chain development and how to scale up success stories</li><li>• Eastern and Southern Africa: How to promote access to markets for smallholder farmers</li><li>• Latin America and the Caribbean: Policy and family farming: differentiated policies and investment programmes for smallholder agriculture</li><li>• Asia and the Pacific: How to promote food security and smallholder agriculture in a context of growing competition for land and other natural resources</li></ul>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	Plenary session: Reports of regional thematic working groups and general discussion
12:30-14:00	Lunch (with organic food) Preparation of the Synthesis of Deliberations (Farmers' Forum Steering Committee)
14:00-16:30	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feedback from the regional working groups regarding IFAD-FO partnerships at regional and national levels; discussion on conclusions and recommendations</li><li>• Presentation, discussion and approval by FO representatives of the Synthesis of Deliberations to be delivered to the Governing Council</li></ul>
16:30-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-18:30	Final plenary session (Session open to IFAD Governors and Executive Board Members) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reactions of IFAD management to the Synthesis of Deliberations</li><li>• Informal Discussion with Member State Representatives</li><li>• Closure of Forum by the Vice-President of IFAD</li></ul>

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# 17-18 February: Governing Council

The participants in The Farmers' Forum are invited to the Governing Council with observer's status. The Farmers' Forum Synthesis of Deliberations is delivered to the Governing Council in the Plenary on Wednesday, 17 February during the morning session. Participants in The Farmers' Forum will have the opportunity to participate in the four side events of the Governing Council on Thursday morning, 18 February.

## Side events of The Farmers' Forum

### Thursday, 18 February 2010 (IFAD HQ)

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14:30-17:00 How to help farmers' and rural producers' organizations provide adequate services to their members.

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14:30-17:00 What is Purchase for Progress (P4P)? Engaging with farmers' and rural producers' organizations at different levels.

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