

DEMANDS FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF IFAD

Honourable Governors of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,

In the present context of multiple intersecting crises, we think that IFAD has the potential to play a major role in strengthening food producers in their capacity to provide sufficient and healthy food for the peoples.

Building on the positive results of the last 20 years of partnership it is essential, seen the key role of IFAD, to:

- Include FOs representatives in IFAD governance structure, including participation with an Observer Status in the executive board, as already expressed in the FAFO2020 synthesis of deliberation.
- Strengthen the autonomous FAFO processes at national and regional level, accordingly with the decentralization of global FAFO, especially on Strategic Opportunity Programmes (COSOP).
- Include FOs in discussions related to IFAD programs and in their co-construction at all levels, in order to insure real participation in project formulation and supervision.
- Elaborate clear guidelines for IFAD engagement and collaboration with FOs.
- Ensure dialogue and systematic engagement with FOs are considered central responsibility of the operational teams at country level.

We demand IFAD:

1. to continue supporting institutional funds for women and youth, showcasing women-led models related to climate resilient farming, fishing and pastoralism.
2. to integrate relevant and ambitious peasant agroecology and other sustainable and resilient practices, including organic farming, into all its projects and programs. In this line
3. to commit to shift from a market-based approach to redistributive land policies, working directly with member states and recognizing the leadership of the FAO, towards a new international conference for agrarian reform and rural development.
4. to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests in the Context of National Food Security.
5. to involve FOs at all stages of decision-making, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies impacting farming and food production.
6. To support ambitious public policies for the fair distribution of land-use-rights, namely genuine agrarian reforms, policies to support the spread of peasant agroecology, and policies to develop necessary infrastructures.
7. to support governments in developing market regulation policies, in order to ensure the stability of local markets, fair prices that cover the costs of a sustainable production and decent revenues for all food producers.
8. to support local economic development in the form of enhancement of local markets and inclusive value chains, in order to eliminate practices that harm natural resources.
9. to make available to FOs substantial grants and fundings to support all climate-friendly agroecological practices.
10. to support reflection and undertake a comprehensive effort to disseminate information on the risks associated with solutions involving carbon markets. We also ask that FOs be involved in international discussions on carbon markets to ensure all farmers are well-informed.

11. to perform vulnerability assessments within its regions to develop adaptation plans to face climate crisis.
12. to implement the International Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (IG SSF) in policies and programmes supporting small fishers, at all levels and to commit to capacity-building on the SSF
13. to provide dedicated funding support to fishers organizations for better infrastructures and sustainable fishing practices
14. to support existing good practices related to climate change resilience in artisanal fishery
15. to ensure greater participation of livestock breeders' and pastoralists' organizations in consultations with FOs at all levels, and to support livestock breeding and pastoralism more ambitiously in the projects and programs it finances.

Regarding funding and the implementation of IFAD's programs and projects:

1. We urge governments to increase funds to IFAD in order to support public policies and programs for more sustainable long-term investment and to strengthen FOs' internal capacity through direct funding to organizations.
2. We recommend IFAD to create a permanent adequate financing mechanism to support with grants directed to FOs for capacity building to enable FOs to successfully get involved in policy dialogue at all levels as well as effectively play the role of implementing partners of IFAD-funded projects and programs

Regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP) we demand IFAD to integrate the UNDROP in all programs as tools and to support its implementation, by funding specific programs at regional and national level, and by proactively engaging in the UN Working Group of Experts on Peasants' Rights and in all other relevant UN bodies and mechanisms.

We also ask IFAD to support inclusive design, development and implementation of national and regional action plans for the UNDF by strengthening explicit synergies with IFAD programmes in order to foster policy change benefiting food producers.

Finally, we demand IFAD to support in general the multilateral system and to integrate CFS policy outcomes in all IFAD's programs and FAFO's processes.

In conclusion, we are committed to strengthening the dialogue with IFAD, as well as to mobilize to support the replenishment of IFAD's funds, and to jointly work for a greater commitment by the governments, in order to respond to the current global crisis.

We are confident that IFAD will take into account the recommendations arising from this Global meeting of the Farmers' Forum and implement them towards the achievement of our common goals.