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## **Presentation of B.R. Sen Award**

I am pleased to present this award for the years 2011 and 2012.

For the year 2011, the award is granted jointly to Mr David Doolan and Mr Patrick Durst.

Mr Doolan receives the award in recognition of his excellent contribution to the FAO programme in Pakistan.

Despite a very challenging environment, he has led the successful growth of a project into a large multi-donor programme, which has lifted communities out of extreme poverty, empowered them, and encouraged self-reliance, with a particular focus on women.

Mr Durst is receiving the Award in recognition of his extensive contributions to forests and forestry over his 19 year career with FAO, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

His leadership, intellectual and policy-related contributions have resulted in a variety of widely-used knowledge products, which have raised the Organization's visibility and credibility in the region.

For 2012, the award is granted to Mr Luca Alinovi, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the FAO Somalia Programme.

Together with his team, Mr Alinovi has set new approaches for increasing the resilience of farmers and pastoralists in crisis.

Particularly worth mentioning is the adoption of Cash-For-Work as an emergency response modality in the country.

Under his leadership, his team has effectively assisted one of the worst-affected countries in the Horn of Africa crisis, helping Somalia overcome a devastating famine.



These are examples of what a knowledge organization with its feet on the ground is about.

I wish to congratulate the three very deserving winners and to express the Organization's appreciation and gratitude for their outstanding contributions and dedication to development in their assigned countries.

Thank you.

