

FAO Conference June 6-13: Highlights of Key Events | [FULL SCHEDULE](#)

Saturday, 6 June

Starting at 09.30 - Conference opening (Plenary Hall)

- Speech by **Sergio Mattarella, President of Italy**
- Speech by **Michele Bachelet, President of Chile**
- Lecture by **Former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil**

11:30 -13:00 - Panel on Small Island Developing States (Green Room)

- Participants: Domingos Simões Pereira, **Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau**; Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, **Prime-Minister of Fiji**; Ralph Gonzalves, **Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines**; Patrick I. Gomes, **Secretary General of The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States**.

14.30 - Election of the Director-General (Plenary Hall)

Sunday, 7 June

15:00 - MDG Hunger Progress Awards (Plenary Hall)

- Remarks by **FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva**
- Speech by **Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta, President of Mali**
- Speech by **Faure Gnassingbé, President of Togo**

Also participating: Hailemariam Desalegn, **Prime Minister of Ethiopia**; Frank Bainimarama, **Prime Minister of Fiji**; Daniel Ona Ondo, **Prime Minister of Gabon**; Domingos Simões Pereira, **Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau**; Brigi Rafini, **Prime Minister of Niger**; Ralph Gonsalves, **Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**; Habib Essid, **Prime Minister of Tunisia**; Wang Yang Vice Premier of China.

Monday, 8 June

9.30 - Morning Session (Plenary Hall)

- **FAO Director-General's Policy Statement**
- Speech by **President Cristina Kirchner of Argentina**

Friday, 12 June

Time TBA (Plenary Hall)

- Speech by **Queen Letizia of Spain**
- The Queen will be named Special Ambassador for Nutrition.

Saturday, 13 June

Closing session, TBA (Plenary Hall)

- Speech by **President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico**