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VIRTUAL EVENT

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Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Russian

Rationale

After three years of implementation, the UN Decade of Family Farming 2019–2028 (UNDFE) will host its first Global Forum on 19-22 September 2022. Co-organized by FAO-IFAD, the Forum will leverage the experiences of different actors to take stock of the achievements and challenges faced since launching the UNDFE. Discussions will lead to the identification of priority policies and technical areas that will shape the UNDFE agenda for the next period of implementation, to accelerate transition to context-specific, diversified, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems, for a better environment and a better life for rural communities.

Objectives of the Forum

1. Exchange good practices, successful processes, experiences and concrete policy solutions for the support of family farming
2. Highlight the key emerging policy/technical areas, actions and instruments to enable family farmers to achieve diversified, innovative and dynamic farming systems
3. Scale out and scale up efforts to promote multistakeholder partnerships and cooperation for the promotion, development and effective implementation of policies, strategies and programmes, enabling family farmers to fulfill their transformative potential.

UNDFE and results

The UN Decade of Family Farming 2019–2028 (UNDFE) serves as a framework for countries to develop public policies and investments to support family farming from a holistic perspective, unleashing the transformative potential of family farmers to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since its launch in 2019, the Decade has been promoting integrated actions supported by cross-sectoral policies that address the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainable development.

This approach resulted in the approval of **3 Regional and 11 National Action Plans for family farming**, while **186 relevant policies, laws and regulations** were developed and endorsed around the world for the support of family farming. At the international level, the Decade has mobilized a range of stakeholders joining forces to work on concrete initiatives in support of family farming: to date, 52 countries are actively working in the implementation of the UNDFE, involving more than 2600 family farmer organizations, NGOs, public and research institutions.

Pre-events leading towards the First Global Forum

Regional Dialogues: to identify regional solutions and priorities.

- Near East and North Africa: 19 May 2022
- Europe and Central Asia: 24 June 2022
- Asia and the Pacific: 29 June 2022
- Africa: 14 July 2022
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 15 August 2022

Technical sessions: to discuss key technical issues relevant for family farming.

- Policy Application of Family Farming definition: 4 July 2022
- UNDIFF Forum on Inclusive Rural Communication Services for Family Farming: 11 July 2022
- Family Farming and Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems: 12 September 2022

Structure of the Global Forum

- **An opening, High Level session**, to focus on the global results from the UNDIFF report, and on the ongoing global initiatives, such as the Coalition on Family Farming and on strengthening actions in support of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (CFF);
- **7 Technical sessions** related to the 7 pillars of the Global Action Plan of the UNDIFF, to focus the discussion on results achieved, main challenges encountered, lessons learned, as well as on emerging priorities;
- **A closing session** with a regional roundtable to highlight key recommendations, and a discussion on how to include the priorities emerged during the Pillars sessions prior and during the Global Forum, into processes related to the development and implementation of public policies and action frameworks at national level.

AGENDA OF THE GLOBAL FORUM

19 September

- High-level opening
- Develop an enabling **policy environment to strengthen family farming** (UNDIFF Global Action Plan-GAP Pillar 1)

20 September

- Support youth and ensure the **generational sustainability** of family farming (GAP Pillar 2)
- Promote **gender equity** in family farming and the leadership role of rural women (GAP Pillar 3)
- Strengthen family farmers' **organizations and capacities to generate knowledge**, represent farmers and provide inclusive services in the urban-rural continuum (GAP Pillar 4)

21 September

- Improve **socio-economic inclusion, resilience and well-being** of family farmers, rural households and communities (GAP Pillar 5)
- Promote sustainability of family farming for **climate-resilient food systems** (GAP Pillar 6)
- Strengthen the **multidimensionality of family farming** to promote social innovations contributing to territorial development and food systems that safeguard biodiversity, the environment and culture (GAP Pillar 7)

22 September

- Closing: Key findings and recommendations for the way forward