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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-eighth Session

Rome, 15-22 June 2013

### Presentation of the B.R. Sen Award 2011 and 2012

#### Executive Summary

The B.R. Sen Award pays tribute to Binay Ranjan Sen, FAO Director-General from 1956 to 1967. The Award is presented annually to the field officer who has made the most outstanding contribution to the advancement of the country or countries to which he or she has been assigned. For 2011, a shared Award is attributed to Mr David Doolan (Ireland) and to Mr Patrick Durst (USA). For 2012, the Award is being conferred to Mr Luca Alinovi (Italy).

1. At its 14<sup>th</sup> Session in November 1967 the FAO Conference, by Resolution 33/67, established the B.R. Sen Award to be presented at the beginning of each regular session of the Conference. Any FAO field officer who has served under any of the programmes operated by FAO during the year for which the Award is made, is eligible for nomination.
2. The Award recipient is entitled to: (i) a medal engraved with the name of the recipient; (ii) a scroll describing his or her achievements; (iii) a cash prize of USD 5 000; (iv) round trip fare to Rome and associated travel expenses.

#### Selection of Award winners

3. Prior to the Conference, the B.R. Sen Award Selection Committee, chaired by the Director-General and comprising the Independent Chairperson of the Council and the Chairpersons of the Programme and Finance Committees, makes a final decision on the basis of the shortlists submitted by the interdepartmental Screening Committee<sup>1</sup>, supplemented by the endorsements received from the governments where the nominees are serving or have served.
4. This year an award will be presented for 2011 and 2012. For 2011, a shared Award is attributed to Mr David Doolan from Ireland and to Mr Patrick Durst from the USA. For 2012, the Award is being granted to Mr Luca Alinovi (Italy):

<sup>1</sup> The B.R. Sen Award Screening Committee is chaired by the Deputy Director-General, and comprises the Assistant Directors-General of the headquarters departments as well as the Legal Counsel, the Director of OSD, and the Director of OCP, as Secretary.

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**Mr David DOOLAN**

5. Mr David Doolan has a Masters degree in Agricultural Science. He started his career as an Assistant Agricultural Inspector for the Irish Department of Agriculture and from 1981 to 1984, apart from undertaking various FAO consultancies, Mr Doolan also carried out missions to Bhutan to provide technical support to the horticultural development programme and to China for the development of a poverty reduction strategy on rainfed agriculture in the Loess plateau. From 2000 to 2003 he was Manager of the Horticultural Research Institute for Western Australia in Manjimup and was also acting as District Manager for all agricultural extension and biosecurity activities in the Manjimup district.

6. Mr Doolan started his career at FAO as an Associate Expert in 1985, working on fruit crops in Kenya from 1985 to 1987, and later worked in Pakistan as a Junior Expert before moving to Western Samoa in 1993 as Extension Specialist. Following numerous short term consultancies for FAO between 1996 and 2000, Mr Doolan joined again FAO as Chief Technical Adviser in Bangladesh from 2003 to 2005, and after carrying out missions in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Yemen, he returned to Pakistan in 2006 to work on the Food Security and Poverty Alleviation Project.

7. This award recognizes Mr Doolan's excellent contribution to the development of the FAO programme in Pakistan through a combination of technical expertise, commendable leadership skills and the ability to support change and ensure continuity of operations, despite a very challenging environment.

8. Mr Doolan has led the successful growth of a project to a large multi-donor programme, which was independently evaluated by USAID in 2011 and resulted in a major expansion of operational area and resources and a replica project funded by AusAID up to 2016.

9. Together with his team, Mr Doolan has lifted communities out of extreme poverty using the principle of community cost sharing and farmer marketing collectives through organized community organizations bolstered with farmer field schools. This process ensures full women's participation in their own group within local cultural norms and strong ownership of communities themselves. Due to his team building capacities, technical and conflict resolution knowledge, he has brought about significant changes in agriculture production systems, in the social systems of community organization and in collective and cooperative marketing among male and female beneficiaries. His efforts have contributed significantly to the increased food security and incomes of more than 10,000 farming households in Balochistan.

**Mr Patrick DURST**

10. Mr Patrick Durst has a Masters degree in Forest Economics. He worked for a number of years for the US Department of Agriculture before joining FAO as Regional Forest Officer for FAO from 1994 to 1997 before becoming a Senior Forestry Officer and he has worked for FAO mainly in the Asia Pacific region, up to now.

11. Mr Durst played an essential role in the successful implementation of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission and Asia-Pacific Forestry Week meetings held in Vietnam and China in 2008 and 2011 respectively, which each attracted over 1,000 participants. His work inspired and advocated the development of an Asia-Pacific Forest Policy Think Tank to build capacity and give greater weight to Asian perspectives on forestry issues. Mr Durst wrote, co-authored or edited more than 100 books and scientific articles on Asia-Pacific forestry and provided more than 90 technical presentations as well as valuable support and advice to colleagues.

12. This Award recognizes Mr Durst's extensive contributions to forests and forestry over his nineteen-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, innovative capacity building activities, and strengthened national forest policies, which have raised the Organization's visibility and credibility in the region. His efforts have ensured that forestry and forest-related issues are top priority areas in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Mr Luca ALINOVİ**

13. Mr Luca Alinovi has a Doctorate degree in Agriculture and Natural Resource Economics. Prior to joining FAO, Mr Alinovi worked from 1994 to 1996 as Land, Agriculture and Food Security Manager for Telespazio Spa before moving to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1996 to 1998 to work on the Rural Development Plan in Ethiopia.

14. Mr Alinovi commenced his career at FAO as Senior Environmental Officer in 1998 and worked as a Senior Economist and Team Leader from 2002 to 2010. Since July 2010, he is the Senior Emergency and Rehabilitation Coordinator and Officer-in-Charge for FAO Somalia.

15. As a result of the 2011 famine in the Horn of Africa, Mr Alinovi managed a major up-scaling of operations in Somalia and a radical reorganization of the FAO country office. He reoriented a project-based approach into a more strategic and ultimately more efficient programme-based approach. He innovatively adopted and scaled up the Cash-For-Work (CFW) as an emergency response and resilience building modality for the Horn of Africa crisis. He has provided reliable and timely information and advice to national and international stakeholders for planning and decision making purposes to increase agriculture production, food security and resilience. Under his leadership, the Organization, supported the private sector through the local production of quality critical agriculture and livestock services, managed the rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure and development of regulatory frameworks for the meat industry, and supported Somalia's continued engagement with international markets.

16. This Award recognizes of Mr Alinovi's outstanding contribution to the Somalia Programme, his innovative approaches and his leadership, which contributed to the successful decentralization of FAO operations in Somalia and has increased the Organization's efficiency and reputation in the country and the Horn of Africa. Together with his team, he has successfully developed new approaches to increase the resilience of farmers and pastoralists, which will serve to develop and strengthen FAO's support to other countries in crisis.