



## Involvement of the CFS Chair in the International Steering Committee of the UN Decade of Family Farming

The United Nations have declared 2019-2028 to be the UN Decade of Family Farming. As lead implementers of the Decade, FAO and IFAD have established an International Steering Committee (ISC) to oversee the development and the implementation of the Decade of Family Farming, monitor corresponding activities, and provide guidance. ISC members include representatives of FAO and IFAD, a regionally representative group of Member States, as well as global and regional farmers' organizations.

There are several reasons why there should be permanent involvement from the CFS Chair in the ISC, not as an observer, but as a full member, with the right to speak and therefore contribute substantively to all discussions. These reasons span from the close relationship between the goals and objectives of CFS and the ISC; to the high priority that family farming is given in the work of CFS, including in the reports from its High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition, and its policy products; the fact that the CFS Secretariat integrates FAO, IFAD and WFP; the opportunities for advocacy and visibility in all relevant fora, where CFS can support the ISC and vice-versa; the fact that both CFS and the ISC are multilateral and multi-stakeholder bodies, and the CFS Chair's participation will contribute to the strengthening of both bodies; and the renewed spirit of RBAs collaboration.

Based on the above, the CFS Bureau is asked to take a decision whether to support the proposal that the position of CFS Chair be included as a member in the International Steering Committee of the UN Decade of Family Farming.

FAO and IFAD welcome this proposal.