



FAO's role in supporting the implementation of the peace agreement in Colombia: advances and challenges

Wednesday 5 July - h 8:30 – 9:30

Sheikh Zayed Centre, FAO HQ

FAO is strongly committed to support the Colombian Government in the implementation of its Comprehensive Rural Reform, as one of the main pillars of the peace process in the country.

This support is taking place through its expertise in rural development, particularly in the areas of land access and use, territorial development, natural resource management, agricultural production and value chains, rural organizations, social protection, food security and employment generation.

FAO and the European Union, along with Via Campesina and UNDP, have been nominated

as key actors to support the Peace Agreement in Colombia.

The European Union has recently established a Trust Fund to support initiatives and partnerships that are crucial for consolidating the Peace Agreement in the country.

The event will discuss the content of the Comprehensive Rural Reform, the strategies to promote integrated and territorial rural development and the role of FAO and its partners in supporting the peace process, with a view to strengthening the link between peace and food security.

In particular, discussions will focus on:

- Access to land and tenure security and their relevance to build the “nueva ruralidad” (new rurality) in Colombia, in particular to strengthen family agriculture and promote food security. This includes integrating the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests (VGGT) into the new policy and institutional framework to promote the Comprehensive Rural Reform, as well as strengthening the National Land Agency.
- Rural innovation initiatives that generate employment and opportunities, particularly for the youth.
- The role of inclusive markets and extension of coverage of social protection in rural development.
- The contribution to the articulation of actors at national and territorial level, which integrates at least three dimensions: (i) “mesas de negociación” or committees, (ii) monitoring and alliance with social movements, NGOs, academia and expert centres, and (iii) private sector.
- How the international community (i.e. the UN system, donors and partners) can effectively contribute to the implementation of the Comprehensive Rural Reform and of territorial development plans and ultimately, to build sustainable peace in Colombia.

Agenda

Moderator: Marcela Villarreal - Director of the Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development

8.30 – 8.40	Opening remarks <i>José Graziano da Silva</i> , Director-General FAO
8.40 – 9.00	Post-conflict: current situation in the country and expected support from FAO <i>Rafael Pardo</i> , Minister of Post-conflict, Human Rights and Security of Colombia
9.00 – 9.10	FAO strategic framework to support the implementation of the peace agreement <i>Rafael Zavala</i> , FAO Representative in Colombia
9.10 – 9.20	Perspectives from the European Union <i>Jan Tombinski</i> , Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union in Rome
9.20 – 9.30	Q&A and closing remarks

Interpretation will be available in English, Spanish and French

Coffee and croissants will be served at 8.00 outside the Sheikh Zayed Centre

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