

Concept Note (draft)

UN Decade of Family Farming: Leveraging of Successful Results to Scale-Up Implementation towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems

27-28 May 2021 from 13.30 to 16.00 hours (CET/Rome time)

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Background

The **UN Decade of Family Farming (UNDF)** serves as a framework for countries to develop public policies and investments to support family farming and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). FAO and IFAD have been called to support the implementation of the UNDF through the established joint FAO/IFAD Secretariat.

The UNDF addresses family farming from a holistic perspective for rural poverty eradication, in all its forms and dimensions, while giving family farmers a central and leading role in the transition towards more sustainable agri-food systems and societies. To guarantee a sustainable agri-food systems transformation, the design of family farming-centred, **coherent, cross-sectoral policies, concurrently addressing the environmental, economic and social dimensions of agricultural and rural development**, is fundamental.

The [Global Action Plan of the UNDF \(GAP\)](#) is organized into seven pillars. Indicative actions presented under the pillars provide guidance to all actors in developing plans, policies and strategies at different levels. Given the extensive heterogeneity of family farms around the world, general policy prescriptions are unlikely to be relevant to all family farmers. To support family farming effectively, it is necessary to consider particular geographic and socio-economic specificities and to develop context-specific interventions focused on the explicit features of the relevant family farmer groups which take into account the specific needs of women, men and youth.

To this end, the GAP envisages the creation of 100 **National Action Plans for Family Farming (NAPs)** by 2024. NAPs are contextualized frameworks of action at the national level for the support of family farming, which promote inter-institutional cooperation aimed at the integration of specific family farmers' issues into policies and strategies related to the wider food and agricultural, social and environmental sectors. To support the implementation of the UNDF at the country level, FAO stands ready to provide technical support at all stages of the NAP development and implementation process.

As defined in UN Resolution (§ 5), the FAO/IFAD Joint Secretariat of the UNDF will provide biennial reports to the UN Secretary-General, to inform the UN General Assembly of the overall progress made on the implementation of UNDF and on the related SDGs. The first report of the UNDF implementation informs on all these actions carried out in 2019-20, and will be submitted to the UNGA by the UN Secretary-General in October 2021. For developing the report on the UNDF implementation, the FAO/IFAD Joint Secretariat of the UNDF launched a global consultation to collect information on the relevant activities carried out in the framework of the UNDF at different levels and by different actors.



Based on the amount of information collected, as well as on the views of different relevant actors, the reporting exercise proved to be extremely useful to better understand successful experiences that can be the basis for knowledge sharing and dissemination of good practices; the main challenges faced in dealing with implementation in different contexts; the policy areas and key topics that emerge as priorities to focus on for the next biennium of implementation.

Objectives

1. to complement information collected during the data collection exercise for reporting about the results of the first biennium;
2. to discuss good practices, successful experiences and concrete policy solutions implemented for the support of family farming, which have emerged since launching the UNDF; and
3. to identify emerging successful approaches, experiences and policy solutions to scale up and scale out for the support of family farming in the coming years of the UNDF and beyond;
4. to highlight the key emerging policy/technical solutions for family farming and reflect on how these areas connect and contribute to sustainable agri-food systems transformation;
5. to showcase and discuss the key services and activities carried out by Family Farmers' Organizations (FFOs) and reflect on their priority needs and proposals to focus the implementation in the coming years of the UNDF and beyond; and
6. to increase involvement and engagement in the UNDF of relevant actors/constituencies that have not been directly reached so far, by reflecting on how to address their priorities and their needs.

Participants

- UNDF International Steering Committee (ISC) Members;
- Organizations and networks of family farmers including peasants, indigenous peoples, pastoralists, fishers, mountain farmers, women, youth and other groups of food producers (at the national, regional and global levels);
- Representatives from relevant governmental agencies and entities;
- Members of National Committees of Family Farming (NCFF) and other multi-stakeholder platforms for family farming related policy dialogue;
- NGOs, Research and Academic Institutions;
- Officers from RBAs headquarters (FAO, IFAD and WFP), and Officers from FAO and IFAD Decentralized Offices; and
- Other relevant actors at the national, regional and global levels.

Expected Outcomes

- to collect further inputs on emerging solutions that can feed into the reporting exercise;



- to identify the emerging priorities for the next period of implementation of the UNDF; and
- to gather information that can be useful to adjust the process of implementation of the UNDF in the next biennium; and
- to systematize information about activities implemented in the first biennium of the UNDF to be presented and discussed at the High-Level Event about the UNDF foreseen in the second half of 2021.

Event Platform

Zoom meeting (allowing active participation of up to 500 participants). Participants will be provided with different Zoom links to connect to the two plenaries and to the chosen regional discussion group.

Draft Agenda

Day 1 – Thursday, 27 May 2021			
Time	Session	Speakers	Notes
13.30 – 13.45	Welcoming	<i>Ms Marcela Villarreal</i> , Director, Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division, FAO <i>Mr Roberto Azofofeifa</i> , Head of Department Sustainable Production, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Costa Rica	
13.45 – 14.00	The reporting exercise – UNDF's first biennium of implementation	<i>Mr Guilherme Brady</i> , UNDF Joint-Secretariat - Head of Unit, Family Farming Engagement and Parliamentary Networks, FAO	
14.00 – 14.20	Results and proposals from Family Farmers' Organizations (FFOs) in support of their members and UNDF implementation	Family Farmers' Organizations from the UNDF International Steering Committee <i>Mr Martín Uriarte</i> , World Rural Forum <i>Ms Luisa Volpe</i> , World Farmers' Organization <i>Mr Alfredo Campos</i> , La Via Campesina	
14.20- 14.25	Family Farming in North America	<i>Mr A.G. Kawamura</i> , Founding Member, Orange County Produce, Former Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, USA	
14.25 – 14.30	<i>Break</i>		
14.30 – 16.00	Regional break out groups – led by FAO Regional Offices Presentation of the regional results of the consultation to give a background for the discussion. Country case studies on successful approaches and	Africa and Caribbean: Interpretation available on EN/FR <i>Mr Peter Anaadumba</i> , <i>Mr Kazuyuki Fujiwara</i> , FAO Regional Office Madagascar – <i>Mr Rakotondrazaka Andriamahefa</i> , Director of the Support to Agricultural Training and Professionalization of Producers and Fishermen, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (tbc) Gambia – <i>Mr Mahamadou Fayinkeh</i> , President, Network of National Coordination Committee of International Year of Family Farming +10	
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<p>policy solutions to scale up and scale out the support and guide the processes for the support of family farming</p>	<p>Mr Pierre Ferrand, FAO Regional Office</p> <p>Philippines - Mr Socrates Banzuela, Executive Director of National Confederation of Smallholder Farmers’ and Fishers’ Organization (PAKISAMA)</p> <p>Indonesia - Mr G. Budisatrio Djiwandono and Ms Riezky Aprillia – Honourable Members of House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia, Vice Chairman of Commission IV</p>
	<p>Europe and Central Asia: Interpretation available on EN/RU</p> <p>Mr Morten Hartvigsen, Ms Katalin Ludvig, FAO Regional Office</p> <p>Georgia – Mr Lasha Zivzivadze, Head of Rural Development and Environmental Protection Policy Coordination Division of Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture</p> <p>Hungary – Ms Edina Szlanyinka, Officer, Department for Agricultural Modernization, Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>Albania – Mr Petrit Dobi, Executive Director of the Rural Association Support Programme</p>
	<p>Latin America and the Caribbean: Working language is ES</p> <p>Mr Raúl Contreras, FAO Regional Office</p> <p>Panama – Mr José Bernardo González, Directorate for Rural Development of the Ministry of Agricultural Development</p> <p>Ecuador – Mr Fernando Rosero, Member of the Decade of Family Farming Committee and member of the National Technical Committee</p>
	<p>Near East and North Africa: Interpretation available on EN/AR</p> <p>Mr Rachid Serraj, FAO Regional Office</p> <p>Ms Faten Adada, FAO Regional Office</p> <p>Mr Thoodan Al-Eryani, Program Analyst, IFAD</p> <p>Oman – Mr Mahmood Al Mahrooqi, Deputy Director, Omani Farmer Association</p> <p>Palestine – Mr Ahmed Sourani, Co-Founder & General Coordinator, Gaza Urban Agriculture Platform</p>

Day 2 – Friday, 28 May 2021			
Time	Session	Speakers	Notes
13.30 – 13.35	Opening	Ms Marcela Villarreal , Director, Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division, FAO	



<p>13.35 – 14.00</p>	<p>Reporting from the regional group discussions</p>	<p>Rapporteurs from the regional break out groups</p> <p>Africa and the Caribbean Asia and the Pacific Europe and Central Asia Latin America Near East and North Africa</p>
<p>14.00 – 14.20</p>	<p>Plenary Discussion</p>	<p>Q&A and comments from the participants on the main findings of the group discussions</p>
<p>14.20 – 15.10</p>	<p>Roundtable: Family farming’s contribution to sustainable agri-food system transformation</p>	<p>Which areas should be strengthened in the UNDFE implementation in order to leverage on family farmers’ contributions to sustainable agri-food systems?</p> <p><i>Ms Maryam Rahmanian</i>, Expert on innovation mainstreaming, FAO (keynote presentation) <i>Mr Conrad Rein</i>, Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG INTPA <i>Ms Esther Penunia</i>, Asian Farmers’ Association <i>Mr Ibrahima Coulibaly</i>, ROPPA, tbc <i>Mr Ricardo Montero López</i>, Technical Coordinator of the Executive Secretariat of the Central American Agricultural Council <i>Mr Ibrahim Adam Ahmed El-Dukheri</i>, Director-General of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development <i>Ms Beth Connery</i>, Connery Farms, Canadian Horticulture farmer</p>
<p>15.10– 15.40</p>	<p>Plenary Discussion</p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Mr Shantanu Mathur</i>, UNDFE Joint-Secretariat, Lead Adviser and Senior Partnership Officer, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office, IFAD</p>
<p>15.40 – 16.00</p>	<p>Summary and Closing</p>	<p><i>Mr Shantanu Mathur</i>, UNDFE Joint-Secretariat, Lead Adviser and Senior Partnership Officer, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization Office, IFAD <i>Ms Marcela Villarreal</i>, Director, Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division, FAO <i>Ms Laura Lorenzo</i>, WRF, Vice-Chair of the UNDFE International Steering Committee</p>