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Tenth Informal Joint Meeting of the RBA Governing Bodies

Thursday, 17 September 2026, 9:30–17:00

FAO Headquarters (Plenary Hall), Rome

Provisional Agenda

Overarching theme: RBA Collaboration in the Field

Time	Item
09:30 – 10:15	Opening Welcome and opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Informal Joint Meeting, <i>Mr Mina Rizk, Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council</i> Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the IFAD Executive Board and President of IFAD, <i>Mr Alvaro Lario</i> Opening remarks by the President of the WFP Executive Board, <i>H.E. Ms Carla Barroso Carneiro</i> Statement by the Director-General of FAO, <i>Dr Qu Dongyu</i> Statement by the Acting Executive Director of WFP, <i>Mr Carl Skau</i>
10:15 – 10:45	Agenda Item 1 - RBA Collaboration in Fragile Settings: Progress on Blueprint Implementation <i>Chair/Moderator:</i> Mr Alvaro Lario, Chairperson of the IFAD Executive Board and President of IFAD Document for discussion: Revised Blueprint document: <i>Renewing and scaling up Rome-based agency collaboration in fragile settings: strengthening and defining pathways for increased impact</i> Speakers: • Mr. Carl Skau, Acting Executive Director, WFP • Ms. Beth Bechdol, Deputy Director-General, FAO • Ms. Martine Villeneuve, IFAD Country Director, Democratic Republic of the Congo (virtual) • Mr. Etienne Peterschmitt, FAO Representative, Somalia (virtual) • Ms. Mutinta Chimuka, WFP Country Director, South Sudan (virtual)
10:45 – 12:30	Q&A – Interactive dialogue with Members
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break



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14:00 – 14:45	Agenda Item 2 - Operationality of the RBAs in the field: Mandates, Effectiveness, and Impact <i>Chair/Moderator:</i> H.E. Ms Carla Barroso Carneiro, President of the WFP Executive Board Document for discussion: RBA document on options to eliminate overlap and duplication among the Rome-based Agencies, and on efforts to address them, as requested by the FAO Council and WFP Executive Board Speakers: • Mr. Carl Skau, Acting Executive Director, WFP • Ms. Gérardine Mukeshimana, Vice-President, IFAD • Mr. Maurizio Martina, Deputy Director-General, FAO • Ms. Lauren Phillips, Director, Partnerships and UN Collaboration Division, FAO • Mr. Ronald Hartman, Director, Global Engagement, Partnership and Resource Mobilization Division, IFAD • Mr. Richard Choularton, Director, Climate and Resilience Service, WFP
14:45 – 16:15	Q&A – Interactive dialogue with Members
16:15 – 17:00	Agenda Item 3 - Strengthening the Informal Joint Meeting of the RBA Governing Bodies <i>Chair/Moderator:</i> Mr Mina Rizk, Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council Document for discussion: Concept Note by the Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council: <i>Strengthening the Informal Joint Meeting of the RBA Governing Bodies</i> Closing remarks