

Fourth Informal Joint Meeting of the FAO Council, the IFAD Executive Board and the WFP Executive Board

12 October 2020, 9:15 – 17:30 (Zoom)

Chairperson: Mr Khalid Mehboob, Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council

Annotated Agenda

Introduction 9.15 – 9.30

Item 1 Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Informal Joint Meeting
Mr Khalid Mehboob, Independent Chairperson of the FAO Council

Opening remarks by the Chairperson of the Executive Board of IFAD
Mr Gilbert Houngbo, President of IFAD

Opening remarks by the President of the Executive Board of WFP
H E Ulrich Seidenberger

Opening remarks by the Director-General of FAO
Dr Qu Dongyu

Opening remarks by the Executive Director of WFP
Mr David Beasley

*Opening remarks will be limited to **three minutes**.*

Morning Session 9.30 – 12.30

Item 2 **Follow-up from the Third Informal Joint Meeting of the FAO Council, the IFAD Executive Board and the WFP Executive Board in 2019:**

- Update on the RBA Joint Action Plan for the Sahel
- Update on the RBA Joint Pilot Programmes – Indonesia, Niger and Colombia
- Presentation of the analysis of the potential added value of making available for all three Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) a common specialized expertise on investigative functions related to allegations of sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

Introduction: Mr Gilbert Houngbo, President, IFAD and Mr David Beasley, Executive Director, WFP

Item 3 **Joint evaluation of RBA collaboration:** the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Joint Evaluation on RBA Collaboration, to be conducted jointly by the Evaluation Offices of FAO, IFAD and WFP, are in the process of formal review by the relevant Governing Bodies of the three Agencies.

Introduction:

A joint statement agreed to by the three Heads of Evaluation to be delivered by one of them:

Mr Masahiro Igarashi, Director, Office of Evaluation, FAO

Mr Fabrizio Felloni, Interim Officer-in-Charge, Independent Office of Evaluation, IFAD

Ms Andrea Cook, Director of Evaluation, WFP

Item 4 **Covid-19 response:** Joint collaboration in the response by FAO, IFAD and WFP to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on areas under the mandates of three Agencies.

Introduction by Dr QU Dongyu, Director-General, FAO

Afternoon session 14.30 – 17.30

Item 4 **Covid-19 response (continued):** Joint collaboration in the response by FAO, IFAD and WFP to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on areas under the mandates of the three Agencies.

Item 5 **UN Food Systems Summit:** The RBAs will provide a brief description of their prioritized contributions to the Food Systems Summit, with a focus on solutions for each of the agreed Action Tracks. The RBAs will also identify key issues where they can deliver actively.

Pending confirmation, an interactive Question and Answer session will be held with Ms Amina Mohammed, the UN Deputy Secretary-General and Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the Food Systems Summit.

Introduction: Ambassador Alexandra Bugailiskis (Canada), co-convenor of the Rome-based Membership Group of Friends to the Food Systems Summit

Item 6 **Any Other Business**

Time management

In light of the virtual format of the meeting, as well as experience gained in similar meetings, it is proposed to strengthen the time management of the Informal Joint Meeting of the executive Governing Bodies of the three RBAs.

Experience garnered makes it imperative to introduce a measure for the application of speaking time limits, in order to ensure that interventions are concise, and allow opportunities for Members of the RBA Governing Bodies to express their views.

The proposal is to allow three minutes for interventions by the three Principals and Chairpersons of the executive Governing Bodies of the RBAs, and three minutes for the Members of the RBA executive Governing Bodies. The time limits will be enforced strictly by the Chairperson, with the aid of associated audio-visual tools.

Such time management will support efficient conduct of the meeting, more effective participation of Members, and allow for better informed outcomes of the Informal Joint Meeting of the executive Governing Bodies of the RBAs.