

## Official Launch of AVANTI: Advancing Knowledge for Agricultural Impact

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Without adequate in-country monitoring and evaluation (M&E) capacities and systems in place, achieving and tracking development outcomes is challenging. To this end, IFAD has sponsored a global grant in support of countries that are working on improving their M&E systems: the AVANTI initiative, that proposes a self-assessment of in-country M&E systems and capacities in the agriculture sector through the SDG lens. The launch event of this grant will host a panel of peer experts discussing issues of managing for results and the link between decision-making and M&E capacities and systems, as well as the main challenges faced by the international community at different levels (governments, donors, partners, international organizations etc.) and the way forward.

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Italian Conference Room  
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### Programme

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| 09:30 | <b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b><br>Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD   |
| 09:40 | <b>Video presentation</b><br>Introduced by Riff Fullan, Head, Knowledge and Learning, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation   |
| 09:45 | <b>"Managing for results in development programmes: exploring the link between decision-making and M&amp;E capacities and systems"</b><br>Moderated by Lisandro Martin, Director, Operational Policy and Results Division, a.i., Programme Management Department, IFAD<br><br>Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Aminata Mbengue Ndiaye, Minister of Livestock of the Republic of Senegal</li><li>• Ms Annette Kolff, Director, International Programmes, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation</li><li>• Ms Veronica Olazabal, Director, Measurement, Evaluation and Organizational Performance, Rockefeller Foundation</li><li>• Mr Oscar Garcia, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation, IFAD</li><li>• Mr Bernard Woods, Director, Results Management and Aid Effectiveness Division, Asian Development Bank</li></ul> |
| 10:20 | <b>Q&amp;A session with panelists</b>   |
| 10:50 | <b>Closing remarks</b><br>Lisandro Martin, Director, Operational Policy and Results Division, a.i., Programme Management Department, IFAD   |
| 11:00 | <b>Breakfast for all participants</b>   |