

# Global Family Farming Forum

## *Halfway through the United Nations Decade of Family Farming 2019–28*

Marking five years of implementation, this October the United Nations Decade of Family Farming 2019–28 (UNDF) is set to host its **Global Family Farming Forum (15–18 October 2024)**. Co-organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Forum will **celebrate family farming** as the backbone of diverse, innovative and dynamic agrifood systems, identify policy innovations that support family farming and showcase examples of successful experiences from all over the world. It will also review results and identify priority policy and technical areas that will shape the UNDF agenda for the next five years. The Forum will be held in the same week as the World Food Forum (WFF) 2024.

With **more than 200 participants expected**, the Global Family Farming Forum will provide a platform for exchange on family farming and create **links to** the discussions on **investment, science and innovation** and **youth** being held at the **WFF**, additionally contributing to the outcomes of the WFF with the meaningful participation of family farmers, ministers, parliamentarians, researchers and other actors involved in the UNDF's national and intergovernmental coordination.

### **A FORUM LED BY YOUNG FARMERS**

Under the week's theme **"Good food for all, for today and tomorrow"**, the Global Family Farming Forum will highlight family farmers as pivotal to **providing nutritious and diverse food for all**. Family farming, including **small- and medium-sized farms**, produces over 80 percent of the world's food in value terms, cultivating great crop and non-crop biodiversity and providing essential nutrients and nutritious foods, such as **cereals, fruits, pulses, roots, tubers and vegetables**.

Young people are often **interested in engaging with agriculture because they want to produce healthy and nutritious food**, not only for themselves and for their families, but also for their communities, and the future of food security is in the hands of **young farmers**. To highlight this importance, the **Forum will be led by young farmers**.

### **AGENDA**

15 October 2024

- **Welcome and introduction to the Global Family Farming Forum**
- **Public policy innovations for family farming**
- **High-level opening ceremony**

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- **Trends affecting the future of small-scale family farming, rural employment and rural transformation**
- **The evolution of collective action of small-scale family farmers in the context of digitalization and concentration of market power**
- **Sowing rights: uptake of global policy instruments**
- **Investing in family farming**

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- **Equitable access to and use of land, water and other natural resources**
- **Family farming for climate-resilient food systems**
- **Diversified market opportunities for family farming**
- **Strategies for follow-up – continued implementation of the UNDF**
- **Closing**

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- **UNDF Young Farmers' Roundtable**

## VISIBILITY FOR WOMEN FARMERS

The Global Family Farming Forum will also **put the spotlight** on the role of **rural women** as the **backbone of rural economies** and their key importance in agrifood systems, highlighting their position in on-farm and off-farm activities; in managing natural resources; in sharing knowledge on food production, preparation, processing, conservation and marketing; and their participation in policy processes. Participants will learn more about the **challenges** women farmers encounter, and the **policy innovations** required to respond to their needs.

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- **Re-affirming state and non-state actors' commitment** to the implementation of the UNDF, based on the [resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, 72nd session, 72/239. United Nations Decade of Family Farming \(2019–2028\), \(A/RES/72/239\)](#).
- **Priority actions and strategies** for the second half of the UNDF.
- **Visibility of successful and necessary policy innovations**, initiatives and experiences that can **improve the governance of agrifood systems, for effective and inclusive policy implementation** on family farming. Dissemination will include the [Family Farming Knowledge Platform and the Regional Technical Platform for Family Farming](#).
- A podcast series to disseminate information and lessons learned via rural radio networks.
- Follow-up proposals, such as a UNDF **Public Policy Forum** for the exchange of experiences on governance and policy innovations for family farming.

## FORUM VENUE

After a high-level opening session in the **FAO Plenary Hall**, the Global Family Farming Forum will move to a specially built **farm venue. Centred around innovation**, the space will include an exhibition area displaying **creative solutions by family farmers**, as well as a **global radio station** broadcasting discussions to audiences across the world.

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