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Puri has worked previously at the Green Climate Fund, 3ie, UNEP, the World Bank and UNDP. She is also adjunct associate professor at Columbia University, New York where she was also a research scientist. She has published in many academic journals, written for newspapers, and provided advice as a board member to several development organizations.

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Donal Brown is Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, at IFAD. He is responsible for developing and managing the operations that IFAD supports through its loans and grants. He oversees the programme of work of the department, which is undertaken by five Regional Divisions and the Operational Policy and Results Division. Brown previously worked at the United Kingdom's

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Rossana Polastri is Regional Director for the Latin America and the Caribbean Division at IFAD. Appointed in January 2019, Polastri brings to IFAD a wide and diversified work experience as Peru's Vice-Minister for Finance and, more recently, as Vice President and Executive Board Member of the Bank of the Nation of Peru, (Banco de la Nación). She has also worked for the World Bank as Country Manager for Paraguay and as Advisor to the Development Economics Vice-Presidency. Polastri, a national of Peru, holds a Master's Degree in Economics from the Polytechnic Institute of Virginia State University, United States, and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Peru.



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Thouraya Triki is Director of IFAD's Sustainable Production, Markets and Institutions Division. Before joining IFAD, Triki worked at the African Development Bank (AfDB) as Manager in the Microeconomics, Institutions and Development Impact Division, Chief Economist Complex, at its headquarters in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. She managed the division's knowledge products as well as a team providing support to AfDB's non-sovereign lending operations. From 2013 to 2017, she was Chief Country Economist at AfDB North Africa Regional Department based in Tunis, Tunisia, with a particular focus on entrepreneurship, public-private partnerships and financial sector development. She also played a leading role in setting up the AfDB PPP Hub for North Africa. From 2008 to 2013 Triki held a senior and then principal economist position at AfDB's research department where she was part of the Additionality and Development Outcome Assessment (ADOA) team. Before joining the AfDB, Triki spent about 10 years in various positions in academia – teaching finance in Canada, France and Tunisia, and managing and consulting with private sector businesses. Triki holds a PhD in finance from HEC Montréal.



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In IFAD, she is advising projects on strengthening local institutions for natural resources governance and management, vulnerability analysis and building resilience capacities of rural households, and support for small-scale producer in transition to agroecology production and sustainable food systems. She has a Masters degree in Environmental Science, Technology and Socio-Economic Planning from Roskilde University, Denmark.



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