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## DIGITAL SIGNATURES, FINANCIAL CRIME PROTECTION AND BLOCKCHAIN AT IFAD

Tuesday 19 July 2022  
14:00-15:00 CEST



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Despite the accelerated need to digitize (i.e. the process of transforming information from a physical format to a digital version), in many instances, due to security issues or lack of focus on modernization, information and negotiations still happen through massive paperwork or emails trails. The pandemic has made these problems only more evident and the need to digitize and digitalize (i.e. the practice of utilizing technology to enhance corporate processes) more pressing.

Innovation and digital transformation or digitalization can prove highly effective in enhancing business efficiencies and results for an organization to optimize operations and corporate processes.

### **About the session**

The increased need for digitalization prompted by the pandemic has resulted in accelerated digital transformation, which has brought many benefits but also perils as organizations become more vulnerable to fraud attempts and hacking attacks. Therefore, organizations must also focus on finding solutions that mitigate risks through the use of new digital technologies and a change in the way they do business.

In this context, IFAD undertook a reengineering of processes – one of which consisted in introducing digital signatures. This session of the IFAD Innovation Talks will feature a Fireside Chat between Advit Nath, Controller and Director of IFAD's Financial Controller's Division, and H  l  ne Papper, Director of IFAD's Global Communications and Advocacy Division. Advit and H  l  ne will deep dive into IFAD's Basic Electronic and Secure Digital Signatures, and allow for discussion and exchange on how innovations can make corporate procedures more efficient and agile, while also ensuring the adequate level of security.

### **The event will aim to answer the following questions:**

- What methodology informs the IFAD's Basic Electronic and Secure Digital Signatures?
- What is the thought process leading to the design of this kind of solutions?
- Which approaches can help ensure both agility and security when digitizing corporate processes?
- What could be the costs of distribution for this type of solutions?
- How can innovations like this be mainstreamed in the organization?

### **HOSTING ORGANIZATION**



IFAD is an international financial institution and specialized United Nations agency based in Rome, the UN's food and agriculture hub. Since 1978, the Fund has provided US\$23.2 billion in grants and low-interest loans to projects that have reached an estimated 518 million people. At the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) we invest in rural people, empowering them to increase their food security, improve the nutrition of their families and increase their incomes. We help them build resilience, expand their businesses and take charge of their own development

### **About the IFAD INNOVATION TALKS**

IFAD Innovation Talks are a series of learning and knowledge sharing sessions, lasting one hour. They feature innovative approaches, tools, products and services developed by IFAD, its partners and the members of the IFAD Innovation Network in order to further the aims of the network. The Talks follow various formats: from interviews and panel discussions to TEDx talks and demonstrations of new technological tools.

### **About the IFAD INNOVATION NETWORK**

The IFAD Innovation Network is an informal, democratic, non-hierarchical space to share ideas, good practices, tools and lessons learned on how members can use innovation to improve performance and better address the needs and challenges of our target groups and beneficiaries.

This group is open to IFAD staff, representatives of IFAD's members, fellow United Nations and Development Finance Institutions colleagues, representatives of academia, research centres, think tanks and the private sector, and those who wish to contribute to advancing innovation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Don't hesitate to get involved and share your ideas with us!

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