



On **Tuesday 18 October 2022 from 16.15-17.45 Rome-time** join our mainstage event at the [World Food Forum](#): Financing and Fostering Youth Innovation.

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What is the WFF and what are the themes for this year's flagship event?

Building on last year's success, this year the World Food Forum's (WFF) flagship event will comprise the Global Youth Forum for Food and Agriculture, the Science and Innovation Forum and the Hand-in-Hand Investment Forum. These three interlinked fora will advance bold and actionable solutions to catalyze the transformation of our agrifood systems in light of the current challenges and crises, highlighting the importance of collaboration between the current and next generation and their combined ingenuity in science, technology and innovation – and investments in key areas of food and agriculture.

What's the event about?

IFAD is leading on an event titled, "Financing and Fostering Youth Innovation". It has been organized with the Moonshots for Development (M4D), the working group of the innovation arms and branches of the international financial institutions that aim to work together to bring innovation to scale.

The session will explore the programmes and financial opportunities offered by the agencies represented to foster and support youth innovation. Several studies have found that youth participating in youth employment programmes tend not to know how to access mainstream financial products and services and are largely financially excluded young people who need to build financial capability and skills to be able to fully benefit from any youth targeting programmes.

This session will feature the programmes and financial instruments offered by some of the M4D partners: the Inter-American Development Innovation Lab (IDB LAB), IFAD, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the WFP Innovation Accelerator, and the World Bank. In addition to the M4D partners listed above, representatives of the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) will join us to talk about their Youth targeting programmes to foster innovation and digital inclusion.

A representative of the Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) programme will moderate the panel and share his own experience with the audience.



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SPEAKERS
(in order of appearance)

IFAD INNOVATION

 GLADYS H MORALES IFAD	 BETH BECHDOL FAO	 SEBASTIAN PEDRAZA YPARD / IFAD	 YURI SOARES IDB LAB	 AMATH PATHE SENE IFAD	 CHRISTINA STANSELL GIZ
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How can I participate?

The event is hybrid. Registrations to join in person have already closed, but you can still join us remotely. Please sign up by clicking on the link above or [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!