



**Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to FARMS: A  
USD 100 million Facility to bridge the humanitarian-development financing  
gap, UNHQ, 19, 20 or 16 September 2016**

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Chang, Aminata Sy, Ruxandra Ferascu

Dear Nicole,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. CHANG Wook-jin, Chief of the Scheduling Unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. Please find attached a scan of formal communication to Mr. Michel Mordasini regarding the above-mentioned subject.

The original has been sent via mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

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TO: Mr. Michel Mordasini, Vice-President  
AS: International Fund for Agricultural Development

DATE: 24 August 2016

REFERENCE:

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FROM: Edmond Mulet  
DE: Chef de Cabinet



SUBJECT: **FARMS: A USD 100 million Facility to bridge the humanitarian-development financing gap**  
OBJET: **- 19, 20 or 16 September 2016**

1. On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your note dated 22 June 2016, inviting him to deliver an opening statement at the launch of the Facility for Refugees, Migrants, Forced Displacement and Rural Stability (FARMS), to be held at United Nations Headquarters on 19, 20 or 16 September 2016.
2. The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform that he will be unable to attend the event, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule during that period. However, I am pleased to advise that he has decided to send a video message, which will be made available closer to the date of the event.
3. I wish to take this opportunity to convey the best wishes of the Secretary-General for a successful event.

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**Request for Events during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

**Note to the Chef de Cabinet**

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<b>Title of Event: FARMS: A USD 100 million Facility to bridge the humanitarian-development financing gap</b>		<b>Date of Request:</b> 22 June 2016	
<b>Requestor: (name, position, office)</b>	Michel Mordasini Vice President IFAD	<b>Point of Contact (POC):</b>	Nicole Carta
<b>POC Phone number:</b>	+1.212.963.0546	<b>POC Email:</b>	n.cart@ifad.org
<b>Proposed Date of Event:</b>	19 September 2016	<b>Proposed Duration of Event:</b>	60 minutes
<b>Alternate Date of Event:</b>	20 September 2016	<b>2nd Alternate Date of Event:</b>	16 September 2016
<b>Level of Participation:</b>	The event will be done in partnership with the high level Government Representatives and Ambassadors from the Near East Region, as well as Switzerland (to be confirmed). Heads of UN Agencies will be invited.	<b>Number of Participants:</b>	100
<b>*Will participation of the Secretary-General be requested?</b>		Yes	
<b>If yes, please indicate:</b> (a) Envisaged role of the Secretary-General: Opening statement, stressing the conclusions of the World Humanitarian Summit that humanitarian need can no longer be viewed in isolation from broader sustainable development efforts that tackle the root causes of prolonged and recurrent need and commitments must be made to a new way of working that not only meets people's needs but reduces them by reducing people's risks and vulnerabilities, as well as to live up to the pledge to leave no one behind in the quest for sustainable development for all. (b) Duration of his presence: 15 minutes			

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## Request for Events during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

**Please specify purpose and outcome of event/ high-level meeting:**

**Purpose:** To launch the Facility for Refugees, Migrants, Forced Displacement and Rural Stability (FARMS), initially a US\$100million financing facility, and highlight its role in bridging the humanitarian-development financing gap (<https://www.ifad.org/documents/10180/5a4940fd-0d96-45aa-be05-1c6895a82375>)

**Outcome:** Making financing available to address the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees and host communities.

**Background:** In recent years, forced displacement has become a global problem of unprecedented scale, driven by conflict, violence, persecution and human rights violations. While the total number of refugees reached an all-time high of nearly 60 million people in 2015 — global attention has been focused on the Near East and North Africa (NENA) region, where continued conflict and violence most acutely affect communities in Iraq, Syria, Yemen and neighboring countries. The total population of concern in the region is estimated at around 22.3 million people. What is often not recognized and cannot be emphasized enough is that the global goals of reducing poverty, improving food security or strengthening resilience to all kinds of shocks have a strong rural dimension. Building on its experience of investing in agriculture and rural development, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is best positioned to bridge the gap between humanitarian and sustainable development responses.

To respond to the ongoing crisis, IFAD has established a Facility for Refugees, Migrants, Forced Displacement and Rural Stability (FARMS). The goal of the FARMS facility is to ensure that poor rural people overcome poverty through remunerative, sustainable and resilient livelihoods. Looking at the crisis holistically, FARMS' objectives cover both host areas and origin or sending areas. The facility will support the humanitarian-development financing gap.

The Facility aims to have an initial envelope of US\$100 million and the priority countries will be Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and Yemen.

*Signature of Head of Requesting Department /Office/Programme:*

**OCdC/SOSG Remarks:**

**DGACM Remarks:**

**Room, Date, Time Assigned:**

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