

HAND-IN-HAND INITIATIVE INVESTMENT FORUM 2026

13 –16 October 2026 | FAO headquarters – Rome, Italy

Agenda

Time (CEST)	Tuesday 13 October	Location
09:30 – 12:00	Official opening of the Hand-in-Hand (HIH) Initiative Investment Forum 2026	Plenary Hall
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch by Young Chefs – by invitation	FAO headquarters
14:00 – 15:30	Presentations of agrifood investment plans by countries and regional initiatives (Please see details on page 2)	Red / Green / Iran Rooms
15:30 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 17:15	Presentations of agrifood investment plans by countries and regional initiatives (Please see details on page 2)	Red / Green / Iran Rooms
17:15 – 17:30	Break	
17:30 – 19:00	Thematic session: <i>How can innovative finance foster agrifood systems transformation?</i>	Red Room
19:00 – 21:00	Networking Reception hosted by the Director-General with private sector – <i>by invitation only</i>	FAO headquarters

Wednesday 14 October

09:00 – 10:00	High-level event: <i>Livestock transformation pathways: Investing in better nutrition, stronger livelihoods, and climate-resilient growth</i>	Iran Room
10:00 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 12:00	Presentations of agrifood investment plans by countries and regional initiatives (Please see details on page 2)	Red / Green / Iran Rooms
12:00 – 12:30	Refreshments	Outside Iran Room
12:30 – 13:30	High-level event: <i>From bean to bar – Ensuring chocolate’s value reaches cocoa farmers</i>	Iran Room
13:30 – 14:00	Break	
14:00 – 15:30	Presentations of agrifood investment plans by countries and regional initiatives (Please see details on page 2)	Red / Green / Iran Rooms
16:00 – 17:30	Special events on Haiti and the Lobito Corridor, and presentations of agrifood investment plans by countries	Red / Green / Iran Rooms

Thursday 15 October

09:30 – 10:30	High-level event: <i>Capitalizing opportunities – The next wave of blue transformation investment</i>	Iran Room
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:30	High-level event: <i>Unlocking finance for resilient coffee value chains through data and innovation</i>	Red Room
16:00 – 17:30	Thematic session: <i>Artificial Intelligence innovation for agrifood systems: Powering transformation and inclusive Investment - HIH Initiative Investment Forum and Science and Innovation Forum</i>	Red Room

Friday 16 October

09:00 – 19:00	*Closed bilateral meetings between HIH countries and investors	Assigned rooms
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*Closed bilateral meetings between HIH countries and investors will be held throughout the forum in the assigned rooms.

Legend Plenary hall (A-335 INT) Red Room (A-121 INT) Green Room (A-127 bis) Iran Room (B-116 bis)



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Countries' presentations

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	Red Room	Green Room	Iran Room
14:00 – 15:30	Amazonia Regional Initiative	Southern Africa Regional Initiative	Pacific SIDS Regional Initiative
15:45 – 17:15	Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, El Salvador and Guatemala	Angola, Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria	Jordan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Tajikistan

Wednesday 14 October

	Red Room	Green Room	Iran Room
10:30 – 12:00	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico	Democratic Republic of the Congo, Malawi, Mozambique and Sierra Leone	African SIDS Regional Initiative
14:00 – 15:30	Dry Corridor and Arid Zones Regional Initiative	Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe	Cabo Verde, Djibouti, Eswatini, Liberia and Madagascar
16:00 – 17:30	Special event on Haiti	Special event on the Lobito Corridor	Fiji, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Tonga

Note: SIDS stands for Small Island Developing States.

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