

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
12:45 – 13:45	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 – Bridging the investment gap for agrifood systems transformation</i>	Red Room

	Friday 16 October	
09:00 – 19:00	*Closed bilateral meetings between HIH countries and investors	Assigned rooms

*Closed bilateral meetings between HIH countries and investors will be held throughout the forum in the assigned rooms.

Note: Participants to the HIH Investment Forum will have access to the Investors Networking Lounge in the Kazakhstan lounge..

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	Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico	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	Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Colombia, Chile and Ecuador	Côte d'Ivoire, 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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