



155th Session of the Council (5-9 December 2016)

**SHEIKH ZAYED CENTER**  
**12:30 – 14:00, Tuesday 6 December**

## FAO's role in supporting the implementation of the Comprehensive Rural Reform for the realization of peace in Colombia

Joint Side Event SP1, SP3, SP5 and IR-2 (RLC)



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FAO has played an important role in supporting the Colombian Government in the implementation of comprehensive rural development. Along with the European Union and civil society organizations, FAO has been asked by the Government to help implement the Peace Accord 1 regarding the Comprehensive Rural Reform.

The session will discuss the content of the Comprehensive Rural Reform (that is part of the Peace Agreement 1), strategies to promote comprehensive rural development and the role of FAO and other partners in supporting this process and scaling up ongoing related initiatives, with a view to strengthening the link between peace and food security.

Consequently, the discussion will focus on the following themes:

- Access to land and tenure security and their relevance to build the nueva ruralidad in Colombia, particularly to strengthen family agriculture and ultimately, promote food security.
- The integration of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries and Forests (VGGT) into the new policy and institutional framework regarding land, forests and fisheries to promote the Comprehensive Rural Reform, including the strengthening of the National Land Agency.
- How the international community (i.e. the UN system, donors and partners) can effectively contribute to the development of the Comprehensive Rural Reform and of territorial development plans and ultimately, to strengthening peace in Colombia.

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Time	<i>Chair: Mr. J. Graziano da Silva, Director-General</i>
	Opening by Moderator, Mr. Enrique Yeves, <i>Director, Office for Corporate Communication (OCC)</i> .
12:30 - 12:35	Introductory remarks by the Chair, J. Graziano da Silva, <i>Director-General</i> .
12:35 – 12:40	Presentation on the Peace Process in Colombia and the Comprehensive Rural Reform, by the H. E. Juan Mesa Zuleta, <i>Ambassador of Colombia to Italy</i> .
12:40 – 12:45	Remarks by Mr. Jan Tombinski, <i>Head of the Delegation of the European Union to UN Organizations in Rome</i> .
12:45 – 12:55	Screening of video on the implementation of the VGGT in Colombia.
12:55 – 13:15	Key note presentation: “Scaling up comprehensive rural development initiatives: the implementation of the VGGT to promote peace and food security” by Mr. Rafael Zavala, <i>FAO Representative Colombia</i> .
13:15 – 13:20	Remarks by Ms. Marcela Villarreal, <i>Director, Office for Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development (OPC)</i>
13:20 – 13:25	Remarks by Mr. Pedro Nolasco Présiga, <i>FENSUAGRO</i> .
13:25 – 13:55	Questions, comments from the floor, comments from the podium.
13:55 – 14:00	Wrap up by the Chair.

**Languages for interpretation:** English and Spanish.

## **Responsible Technical Officers:**

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