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Decade of
**FAMILY
FARMING**
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Key Messages

Biennial Monitoring 2021-2022

**FAMILY
FARMING**

**AT THE HEART OF
SUSTAINABLE
AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS**

A small, faint image of a person working in a field, possibly a farmer, is visible in the upper right quadrant of the cover.

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Drawing on a comprehensive monitoring process with 240 inputs from 72 countries, these key messages highlight ways to keep advancing global promotion and support for family farming in the framework of the Decade.

KEY MESSAGES



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Promote effective policies

- The design of **intersectoral strategies and mechanisms** promotes greater intragovernmental and intergovernmental collaboration and more effective interventions.
- Formulating **national definitions of family farming** that consider family farmers' multiple roles, and establishing registry systems based on collaborative and voluntary support from family farmers, are key elements in ensuring the formulation and implementation of effective and relevant policies and interventions.
- The adoption of an **integrated approach** involving government agencies and actors beyond the agricultural sector proves to be particularly effective when dealing with the formulation and implementation of policies in support of family farming.
- **Capacity development for national and local authorities** is important to ensure that family farmers are adequately supported and that the Decade's activities are effectively designed and implemented.

- The adoption of a bottom-up approach in national processes and the **inclusion of family farmers' representatives in national dialogues** is fundamental to ensure both the relevance of the interventions and the sustainability of the results.
- Promoting **experience sharing and networking among family farmers** is an effective way of developing their capacities to contribute to the Decade's processes and activities.
- **Family farmers' organizations, national committees for family farming and other multistakeholder platforms** play a key role in advancing, designing and implementing national action plans and legal frameworks, in adapting global tools and guidelines to help family farmers, and in bringing ideas from the ground to governments.



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Ensure inclusion

- **It is key to mainstream gender equality and the support for the next generation of family farmers** when developing and implementing public policies and regulations in support of family farming, ensuring intragovernmental coordination and intersectoral approaches.
- **Complimentary social protection schemes** targeting rural territories and communities play an essential role in increasing resilience to shocks and promote economic inclusion of the most vulnerable groups, improving the productive capacity and favouring the market integration of family farmers.



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Foster innovation

- Promoting the **agency of family farmers** and recognizing the Decade's unique potential to advance **innovative solutions to multiple and interconnected crises** is crucial to accelerate the transformation to more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems.
- There remains **unexplored potential for innovation** by family farmers to connect local knowledge with new solutions, to be explored with particular reference to innovative digital solutions that connect producers and consumers.
- Promoting **innovative economic opportunities and market solutions** that build on the multifunctionality of family farming, while helping preserve and promote traditional products, local culture and vibrant social networks in rural areas, is key to reducing poverty, encouraging inclusive development, and ensuring the well-being of family farmers and rural populations.
- It is important to recognize the **strategic role that family farmers play in environmental preservation** and to promote their involvement in national and global mechanisms for combating climate change and decreasing biodiversity loss.

A woman with dark hair is shown from the chest up, reaching up with both hands to pick green apples from a tree. She is looking upwards with a slight smile. The background is a dense green foliage of the tree. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

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Raise commitment

- Encouraging **collaboration and cooperation among partners**, including resource partners, international organizations and development agencies, as well as promoting innovative and equitable public–private partnerships, are winning strategies to ensure increasing commitment and support for family farmers.
- It is paramount to mobilize **adequate financial resources** to implement the Decade, alongside developing comprehensive resource mobilization plans and ensuring the inclusion of specific lines in national budgets aiming to ensure the implementation of national action plans.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) play a key role in implementing the Decade, and their **Regional and Country Offices should be reinforced and equipped** to support governments and national committees for family farming in the implementation phase.



Learn more:

UNDFF Global Action Plan

Second report on the implementation of the UNDFF in 2021-2022

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