

FAO address to the IOM 113th Session of the Council

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Excellencies, delegates, and distinguished guests,

- First of all, FAO, as a founding member of the Global Network against Food Crises, would like to welcome IOM as its newest member.
- IOM's membership reflects the fact that food insecurity and food crisis, migration, climate change and displacement are all intricately interconnected, and is a significant step towards increasing our collaboration and creating new opportunities for collaboration and partnership between FAO and IOM.
- FAO's mandate to defeat hunger and address food insecurity of the most vulnerable means ensuring no one is left behind, including those who have migrated or have been forcibly displaced due to the compounding effects of conflict, disaster and climate change.
- For this reason, IOM is a critical and valued partner of FAO.
- I would like to highlight just a couple of the many great examples of our joint collaboration.
- In West Africa, we are working together to reduce and manage transhumance related conflicts over access to natural resources, in the border regions between Mali and Mauritania, and Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso, thanks to the support of Peacebuilding Fund.
- We are also working together with IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix to identify and address key data gaps on the food security status of displaced populations, ensuring that we better understand and can respond to the food security needs of displaced populations.
- FAO looks forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership with IOM, and wishes to reaffirm our enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring access to sustainable agricultural livelihoods and food security for migrants, displaced people and returnees all over the world; to strengthening rural households' resilience to climate change to reduce the pressure to migrate and avert displacement and; to harnessing the potential of migration for inclusive climate action, and agri-food system transformation.

Thank you.