



HAND IN HAND INVESTMENT FORUM 2023

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FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy

Bridging humanitarian response with development in Haiti

Special Roundtable

Tuesday 17 October 2023

16:00 – 17:00 (CEST) - Iran room, B-116 bis

Background

Haiti is in an ongoing, prolonged state of emergency and has received a large humanitarian emergency relief response. While this is vital to save lives, the focus on short-term emergency relief alone is insufficient for fostering long-term development and peace building. In the framework of contributing to the Humanitarian Development Peace (HDP) Nexus, it is necessary to bridge emergency response and development to address the causes of the crisis and work towards sustainable and resilient solutions.

The Hand in Hand Initiative, with the objectives of supporting the implementation of nationally led, ambitious programmes to accelerate agrifood systems transformation, is particularly relevant to address the underlying causes of humanitarian and peacebuilding needs specific to Haiti's context and eradicate poverty (SDG1), hunger and malnutrition (SDG2), and reducing inequalities (SDG10). Under this Initiative, an investment plan has been created in close collaboration with the government, to achieve these objectives by identifying key investment opportunities in value chains that have great potential in building social, economic, and environmental resilience in Haiti.

Objectives

The Special Roundtable aims to highlight the opportunity to invest in Haiti in the framework of the Human Development Peace nexus. It aims to showcase the role that Hand in Hand Initiative can play in supporting livelihoods and saving lives, bridging humanitarian response with long term development and peace building.

More concretely, the objectives of the Special Roundtable are the following:



- Highlight the strategic nature of investing in the Humanitarian Development and Peace (HDP) nexus for humanitarian aid in the context of Haiti's protracted crisis.
- Present investment opportunities that bridge humanitarian intervention with long-term development and peace consolidation, notably through the development of strategic, resilience-building value chains (yam and coffee).
- Highlight the potential to scale up similar agrifood systems in other areas of Haiti.
- Mobilize investment and emergency funds from traditional donors, IFIs, and partners.

Agenda

Note: the event will be held in French and interpretation service to English will be available.

Moderator: Patrick David, Senior Programme Officer, FAO Haiti

16.00 Opening remarks

Mr. Mario Lubetkin, Assistant Director General and FAO Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean

Mr. Rein Paulsen, Director, Office of Emergencies and Resilience

16.10 Presentation of the Hand-in-Hand Investment Plan “Investment Opportunities for Resilience Building and Long-Term Development in Haiti”

Mr. Brédy Charlot, Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development of Haiti (conditional on ability to attend in person)

16.30 Panel discussion (Moderator: Ms. Yerania Sánchez, FAO Investment Center)

H.E. Alexandra Valkenburg, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the Holy See, Order of Malta, UN Agencies in Rome and to the Republic of San Marino

Mr. Paolo Silveri, Country Director for Haiti, IFAD (*virtual connection*)

Mr. Diego Arias, Practice Manager for Agriculture and Food for Latin America and the Caribbean, World Bank (*virtual connection*)

Ms. Corinne Cathala, Country Representative for Haiti, IADB

16.50 Q&A

16.55 Closing remarks

Mr. Mohamed Manssouri, Director, FAO Investment Centre