

IFAD INNOVATION CHAMPIONS



2022

*Nominated for:
Behavioural Mindset Avanzar*



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*Nominated for:
Behavioural Mindset Avanzar
and Top Secret Helpline*



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*Nominated for:
Innovative Regenerative Agriculture
Projects*



Philipp Baumgartner

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*Nominated for:
2022 World Food Forum*



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Office of the President and the Vice-
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*Nominated for:
Implementation of the UN Innovation
Toolkit for the generation of evidence on
climate change adaptation*



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Lead Economist
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Assessment Division

*Nominated for:
Behavioural Mindset Avanzar*



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*Nominated for:
DiGi Climate Risk*



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Rural Finance and Markets
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*Nominated for:
Disbursement Streamlining and
New Digital Tools*



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*Nominated for:
Implementation of the UN Innovation
Toolkit for the generation of evidence on
climate change adaptation*



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*Nominated for:
Hablalo4Agriculture*



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*Nominated for:
Innovative Dashboards for
Project Reporting*



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*Nominated for:
Empowering Rural Smallholders in
Turkey through Digital Marketing and
Business Solutions*



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*Nominated for:
LandMonitor*



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*Nominated for:
Digital Signatures*



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*Nominated for:
GIS Stewardship*



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*Nominated for:
Omnidata*



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*Nominated for:
Use of Digital Technology in Fisheries
Law Enforcement*



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*Nominated for:
Omnidata*



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*Nominated for:
Resilience Measurement Tool*



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*Nominated for:
Digital Phone Book for Financial Services*



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*Nominated for:
iGreenFin*



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*Nominated for:
DiGi Climate Risk*



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*Nominated for:
MDBs Alignment and New Procurement
Guidelines*



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*Nominated for:
Thematic Dashboards*



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Team Management
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