

M.Sc. in Finance and Banking, 2013/2014

Meeting the Practitioners

Abdou BOUSSELHAM – *Senior Finance Officer, IFAD*
René KNELLWOLF – *Senior Finance Officer, FAO*

Thursday November 28, 2:00pm
classroom S11 (2° floor, Building Didattica)

Abdou BOUSSELHAM commenced his career as Deputy Director in Algeria at The Ministry of Finance in Algeria in charge Studies, external Debt and international borrowing. He has an intensive international Banking experience as Investment banker in London in charge of International Syndications and Trade Finance. Mr. Bousselham joined IFAD in February 1990 as Assistant Treasury managing of USD 2.4 billion Investment portfolio. At present he is the Senior Finance Officer and Team Leader for Asia and Pacific Region at IFAD, managing the fiduciary and financial aspects of the 70 projects in the region.

The **International Fund for Agricultural Development** (IFAD, www.ifad.org) is a specialized agency of the United Nations dedicated to eradicating rural poverty in developing countries. It was established as an international financial institution in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference.

René KNELLWOLF joined the FAO in July 2002 as Senior Finance Officer. His responsibilities include the management of the organizations liquidity, investments and FAO's banking network. He also supervises the management of more than 300 bank accounts in FAO's field offices and the Foreign-Exchange activity. Mr. Knellwolf acquired his extensive experience in banking operations and investments with multilateral development banks and commercial banks, working for the Council of Europe Development Bank in Paris for 7 years and banks in Switzerland and France.

The **Food and Agriculture Organization** (FAO, www.fao.org) of the United Nations aims at eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, make agriculture, forestry and fisheries more productive and sustainable, reduce rural poverty, enable inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems, increase the resilience of livelihoods from disasters.