



2026 GAFSP Knowledge Forum

May 5-7, 2026

Rome, Italy

Local Information and Logistics

Knowledge Forum Venue

The 2026 GAFSP Knowledge Forum will be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome, Italy. The plenary sessions will be in the Sheikh Zayed Center. Parallel sessions will take place in the Sheikh Zayed Center (SZC), the Malaysia Room, and the Kazakhstan Lounge.

The FAO Headquarters is located near the Circo Massimo and close to the Colosseum. The address is Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, and it is located in front of **Circo Massimo stop (B Line)** subway station.

You must have completed a self-registration form at the link found [here](#) to enter the FAO building.

When you arrive at FAO, please go to Visitors' Pavillon located on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla. We kindly ask you to bring your identity card or passport with you. Once you have received the building pass, you will be able to enter and exit the building without going to the reception desk. The building pass is valid for the duration of the meeting and must be worn at all times.

Hotels

We have made accommodation arrangements for Knowledge Forum participants grouping SE projects together, in three hotels, all accessible to the FAO building in under 20 minutes by public transportation.

All Knowledge Forum hotels are located within 15-20-minute ride via public transportation. Please see your hotel's distance to FAO by taxi or public transportation below.

We highly recommend taking public transportation to the Knowledge Forum to avoid cost and traffic delays. **Bus and subway ticket:** price for a ticket (100 min) is 1,50 euro. Daily ticket is 7 euro. More information on transportation options can be found below. Both buses and tube have "tap&go" option, meaning you can pay with your credit card directly.

| Hotel | Address | Closest Subway Stop | Taxi to FAO | Subway B Line/ Bus to FAO |
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| Hilton Garden Inn Rome Colosseum | Via Emanuele Filiberto, 173, 00185 Roma RM Hilton Garden Inn Rome Colosseum | Termini | 11 min Approx. 15-20 euro | 13 minutes Subway: Termini-Circo Massimo, 3 stops Bus: 51, 81 1.50/ride or 7 euro/day |
| BV Oly Hotel | Via del Santuario Regina degli Apostoli, 36, 00145 Roma RM Home - BV Oly Hotel | Basilica San Paolo | 16 min Approx. 15-20 euro | 20 minutes Subway: San Paolo-Circo Massimo, 3 stops 1.50/ride or 7 euro/day |
| Mercure Rome Piazza Bologna | Via Reggio Calabria, 54, 00161 Roma RM Hotel Mercure Roma Piazza Bologna | Bologna | 30 min Approx. 15-20 euro | 18 minutes Subway: Bologna-Circo Massimo, 6 stops 1.50/ride or 7 euro/day |

Transportation to and from the airport

Fiumicino/Leonardo da Vinci (FCO) is the main airport, and is served by taxis, trains, and shuttle services. A taxi from the **airport/anywhere in Rome is a fixed price: 60 euro.**

The Leonardo express train from Fiumicino airport to the Termini train station (EUR 14) departs from the airport every half hour between 06:35 and 23:35.

Tickets may be purchased online or from vending machines or at the Tabacchi (newspaper stand / kiosk) at the train station in the airport. Remember to **validate tickets** before boarding the train.

Public Transportation around Rome

Tickets for local transportation should be purchased in advance and are available from underground stations, tobacco shops, and newspaper kiosks. Tickets cost EUR 1.50 and may be used once for metro ride and unlimited bus travel within the ticket validation time of 100 minutes.

The daily ticket, which is valid for 24 hours and an unlimited bus and metro, costs EUR 7. Remember to validate tickets after entering buses and trams.

You may also use contactless payment on the metro by simply tapping your card at the metro gate. This is EUR 1.50 and no tickets are issued.

A reliable app to call a taxi in Rome is **itTaxi**. Uber is also a very frequently used option.

Currency

The local currency in Rome, as in the rest of Italy, is the **Euro (€)**. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted, but it is always a good idea to have some cash on hand for smaller purchases or in case you visit places that prefer cash, like local markets or small cafes.

Weather

At the beginning of May, Rome typically experiences warm temperatures. The average daytime high is around **20-23°C (68-73 F)**, while nighttime lows can drop to about **10-13°C (50-55°F)**. It's a good idea to prepare for variable weather, as days can range from sunny and pleasant to cool and rainy.

Services at FAO Headquarters

Banks: You can carry out all banking operations within FAO, at the branches of Banca Intesa (ground floor, Building B) and Banca di Sondrio (ground floor, Building D). Opening hours are Monday-Friday, 8.30 to 16.30. Next to either Bank you will find cash dispensers accepting international bank cards, at your disposal 24 hours.

Medical Services and Emergencies: A medical unit is permanently on duty Monday-Friday, 8.30 to 17 hours, in Building B first floor, office 162, tel: 53400. For a serious emergency outside FAO, call 118. Access and Facilities for Disabled Persons

All entrances at the FAO Headquarters Complex are accessible to disabled persons with wheelchairs. A lift is specially provided in Building A, and a ramp is provided in Building D. All lifts throughout the FAO Headquarters Complex have wheelchair access.

No Smoking: Please note that FAO, in line with most other UN agencies, is a NO SMOKING area. Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the premises of FAO.

FAO Restaurant and Catering

Coffee breaks will be offered outside the plenary room Sheikh Zayed Center. **Lunches** will be provided during the Forum in the restaurant located on the 8th floor and will be served buffet style. **A welcome reception dinner** will take place Tuesday evening on the FAO rooftop terrace

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be offered in French and Spanish for the plenary sessions in the SZC and parallel sessions will be grouped by language as needed.

Protecting Your Valuables

While Rome is generally a safe city, theft can be a problem on public transportation and crowded streets. Participants are reminded to carry their valuables safely, and to keep photocopies of identification documents in a safe place in case they need to have them replaced. Lost building passes should be reported without delay to the FAO Office of Security.

The FAO Office of Security operates from 07.30 a.m. to 17.30 from Room B062 (extension 55159); after 17:30 contact the Security Guards in Building A (extension 53145, 06-5705-3145 from outside FAO).

Wi-Fi access

FAO has Wi-Fi access. To connect:

Wi-Fi: FAO-Guest

PW: Visit@FAO2026

Bookshop: On the ground floor of Building B, the Food for Thought Bookshop offers a selection of English, French and Spanish language books, gift stationery, and writing paper, gift wrapping paper, greeting cards and guidebooks. Open from 8:00 to 17:00. For more information, call extension 53127.

Additional local information

- Restaurants, supermarkets, and other conveniences are located on Viale Aventino, the main street adjacent to FAO Headquarters.
- The voltage in Italy is 220V and plug shapes vary between 2 and 3 round pins.