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**Invitation to IFAD Gender Awards 2017  
29 November 2017**

Distinguished representatives,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the fourth edition of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Gender Awards. The event will be held at IFAD headquarters, via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome, in the Italian Conference Room from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2017. Welcome coffee will be available from 9.30 a.m.

The IFAD Gender Award recognizes the efforts and achievements of IFAD-supported projects in meeting the strategic objectives of the IFAD Policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. The 2017 laureates are:

- Bangladesh The Char Development and Settlement Project (Phase IV)
- Colombia The Building Rural Entrepreneurial Capacities: Trust and Opportunity Programme
- Mauritania The Poverty Reduction Project in Aftout South and Karakorum (Phase II)
- Morocco The Agricultural Value Chain Development Project in the Mountain Zones of the Al-Haouz Province
- Mozambique The Rural Markets Promotion Programme

The event will provide an opportunity to learn more about the awarded projects, and about achievements and challenges related to promoting gender equality in the implementation phase.

Kindly confirm your participation to the Member States and Protocol Unit of the Office of the Secretary (e-mail [mslp@ifad.org](mailto:mslp@ifad.org)). For further information on the event, please contact Nicoletta Boi at [n.boi@ifad.org](mailto:n.boi@ifad.org).

I look forward to welcoming you at this event.

Accept, Distinguished representatives, the assurances of my highest consideration.



William Skinner  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Secretary

To all representatives  
of IFAD's Member States