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Learning Event Leveraging migration for development in the agricultural sector Interrelations between public policies, migration and development (IPPMD) 17 October 2017

Distinguished Representatives,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in a learning event on the theme, Leveraging migration for development in the agricultural sector: Interrelations between public policies, migration and development (IPPMD). This event is jointly organized by IFAD and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Centre. It will take place on Tuesday 17 October, from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in the Oval Room at the headquarters of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome. A welcome coffee and breakfast will be available from 8.30 a.m.

The aim of this joint learning event is to present the outcomes of the IPPMD project on how sectoral policies and programmes, in particular focused on agriculture and rural development, have a relevant impact on migration, and vice-versa.

The OECD Development Centre's IPPMD project was carried out in ten low and middleincome countries between 2013 and 2017 (Armenia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Haiti, Morocco, Philippines) and sought to provide policy makers with evidence of the importance of integrating migration into development strategies and fostering coherence across sectoral policies. Mr David Khoudour, Head of Migration and Skills Unit at the OECD Development Centre, will present the findings of the OECD and engage in interactive discussions with the audience.

The learning event will also showcase IFAD involvement in the area of migration and agriculture, particularly through its programme on migration, remittances and investment – the Financing Facility for Remittances.

Background documents and an agenda are available on the Member States Interactive Platform at: <u>https://webapps.ifad.org/members/events/2017/PTA-LearningEvent</u>.

Please confirm your attendance to the Office of the Secretary by email at <u>mslp@ifad.org</u>. We look forward to your participation.

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

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