Agenda

9.00 – 9.40 OPENING REMARKS – PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN ENDING POVERTY AND HUNGER

- Mr Paul Winters, Associate Vice-President, a.i., Strategy and Knowledge Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).
- Mr Benjamin Davis, Leader of the Strategic Programme to Reduce Rural Poverty, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- Mr Ou Qingping, Vice Minister of the State Council Leading Group Office for Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP), China.
- Mr Stanlake Samkange, Senior Director of Strategic Coordination and Support, World Food Programme (WFP).

9.40 – 9.45 LAUNCH OF GLOBAL SOLICITATION AND CHALLENGE PRIZE ON POVERTY REDUCTION BEST PRACTICES

Broadcasting of the concept video and brief introduction of the campaign. Mr Zheng Wenhua, Special Assistant to Editor-in-Chief, China Internet Information Center (CIIC).

FAO, IFAD, WFP and the International Poverty Reduction Center of China (IPRCC) representatives will be invited to join Mr Zheng on stage for the official launch of the campaign.

9.45 – 10.20 SESSION 1 – HOW TO MEET SDGS 1 AND 2: A VIEW FROM THE FIELD

Facilitator:

Ms Ana Paula de la O Campos, Programme Advisor for Strategic Programme on Rural Poverty Reduction, FAO.

Challenges and experiences of poverty reduction in Africa:

- Mr Augustine Collin Ntim, Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Ghana.
- Mr John Gachigi, Deputy Head - Social Protection Secretariat, Kenya.
- Mr Gora Thiam Beye, Economist, Head of Division "Growth and Poverty Reduction", Ministry of Economy, Finance and Planning, Senegal.

China’s poverty alleviation progress and experience during the past 40 years:

- Mr Wang Dajun, Director of Foreign Capital Utilization Division, IPRCC.

10.20 – 10.45 Q&A session

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break
SESSION 2 – ROUND TABLE – PARTNERING AND EXCHANGING KNOWLEDGE TO MEET SDG 1 AND 2

Facilitator:

Ms Sara Hessel, Programme Officer, Regional Economist in the Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD.

Agricultural and Rural Development Research and Investment on Achieving SDGs 1 and 2, an RBAs Joint Research Initiative:

- Mr Benjamin Davis, Leader of the Strategic Programme to Reduce Rural Poverty, FAO
- Mr Paul Winters, Associate Vice-President, a.i., Strategy and Knowledge Department, IFAD.

Innovative Partnerships in Poverty Reduction Knowledge Sharing:

- Ms Gladys H. Morales, International Coordinator, Consultant, IPRCC and CIIC.

The Knowledge Exchange Platforms for Rural Poverty Reduction:

- Ms Dongxin Feng, Deputy Director, Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division, FAO.

The Rural Solutions Portal:

- Mr Maurizio Navarra, South-South and Triangular Cooperation Specialist, IFAD.

Q&A session

12.00 – 12.15

CONCLUSIONS

- Mr Ashwani Muthoo, Director of the Global Engagement and Multilateral Relations Division, IFAD.
- Mr Ou Qingping, Vice Minister of LGOP, China.

Two videos on innovative partnerships for global poverty reduction and the campaign, produced by CIIC, will be played before the event and during the coffee break.