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**Invitation to the International Conference on
Rural Inequalities: Evaluating Approaches to Overcome Disparities
Rome, 2-3 May 2018**

Distinguished Representatives,

I am pleased to invite you to the International Conference on Rural Inequalities: Evaluating Approaches to Overcome Disparities. The conference will explore the extent to which rural poverty reduction strategies and programmes address disparities in rural areas. The event will take place at IFAD headquarters (Via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome) in the Italian Conference Room on 2 and 3 May 2018.

The conference will examine approaches to rural poverty reduction that have had an impact on four main areas of inequality in rural areas: resources, resilience, relationships and rights. It will look at the overall effects of development operations in rural areas and at how evaluating these operations can contribute to reducing disparities.

You are invited to register for the conference before 30 April 2018 ([click here](#) - to sign up you will need to enter the password: ERI). For additional information, please contact the international conference secretariat (e-mail: evaluation@ifad.org or tel.: +39 06 5459 2542). Documentation for the conference is available on [IFAD's Member States Interactive Platform](#). (no password required). Please also visit the [conference website](#) to view speakers' biographies and other useful information.

I sincerely hope you will be able to join me on this important occasion.

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



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To all Representatives of
IFAD Member States