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Distinguished Delegates,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend two important side events to be held on the margins of the thirty-ninth session of the Governing Council, on Tuesday, 16 February 2016. Both events will take place in the Plenary Hall at IFAD headquarters.

The first event – a briefing by China on the G20 Presidency – will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The briefing will be delivered by His Excellency Niu Dun, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome.

On the same day, from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., a briefing will be provided by Peru, France and Morocco on the United Nations Climate Change Conference, in their capacities as host countries of the conference: Peru for the conference in 2014, France in 2015 and Morocco for the upcoming conference in November 2016.

Briefings will be delivered by Her Excellency Eda Adriana Rivas Franchini, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Peru to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome; His Excellency Serge Tomasi, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the French Republic to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome; and His Excellency Hassan Abouyoub, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome.

Interpretation in Arabic, English, French and Spanish will be provided for both events, with interpretation also in Chinese for the briefing on the G20 Presidency.

Delegates are also cordially invited to a reception in the IFAD Hospitality Lounge from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

I very much hope that you will join us on this occasion.



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