

Tuesday 25 November 2014

**IFAD Headquarters, Italian Conference Room S105
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (welcome coffee from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.)
Rome, Italy**

This event is held to celebrate the 2014 IFAD Gender Awards. The Awards, initiated in 2013, spotlight one programme or project per region that has used innovative approaches in addressing gender inequalities and empowering women. Representatives from the winning projects will share insights on their achievements and challenges related to promoting gender equality in project implementation. This year's awards celebrate operations in Ecuador, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Yemen.

The occasion will also be an opportunity to learn more about household methodologies. These methodologies have been promoted by IFAD specifically in 2014 to emphasize the importance of the family in the International Year of Family Farming. With the support of supplementary funds from the Government of Japan, IFAD has worked with field practitioners to consolidate experiences on household methodologies across sub-Saharan Africa into a toolkit.

The event will conclude with a short presentation on the relevance of ending violence against women for food security and rural development.

Agenda

Part 1: Gender award winners	
9:00-9:30	Light refreshments
9:30	Welcome remarks
9:35	Awarding Ceremony (J. McIntire, IFAD Associate Vice President) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programme for Increasing Sustainable Microfinance, Pakistan• Kirehe Community Based Watershed Management Project, Rwanda• Corridor Central Development Project, Ecuador• Al-Dhala Community Resource Management Project, Yemen• Rehabilitation and Community-based Poverty Reduction Project, Sierra Leone (video)
10:00	Round-table discussion with staff from winning projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experiences of addressing gender inequalities and empowering women in agricultural and rural development
Part 2: Launch of household methodologies toolkit	
10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statement by the Embassy of Japan
10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the toolkit
Part 3: Ending violence against women	
10:50	Video
10:55	Closing key note speech by M.Mordasini IFAD Vice President

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