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**Invitation to IFAD's Gender Awards, 2014
25 November 2014**

Distinguished Representative,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the second edition of the IFAD Gender Awards, to recognize the efforts and achievements of IFAD-supported projects in meeting the strategic objectives of the IFAD Policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.

The event will take place at IFAD headquarters, in the Italian Conference Room from 09:30 to 11:00 hours on Tuesday, 25 November 2014, on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. It will be conducted in English and Spanish only. Light refreshments will be available from 09.00 to 09.30 hours.

Staff from the winning projects in Ecuador, Pakistan, Rwanda and Yemen will discuss their achievements and challenges related to promoting gender equality in project implementation. There will also be a short presentation on household methodologies which have been promoted by IFAD specifically in 2014 to emphasize the importance of the family in the International Year of Family Farming. The event will conclude with a short discussion on the relevance of ending violence against women for food security and rural development.

To confirm your participation, and for any queries, please contact Ms Valentina Camaleonte (email: v.camaleonte@ifad.org). I look forward to welcoming you at this event.

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



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