

2 September 2005

Distinguished Governor,

**Invitation to the Fourth Session of the
Consultation on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources
Doha (Qatar), 1-2 October 2005**

On behalf of the President of IFAD, I have the honour to invite you to the Fourth Session of the Consultation on the Seventh Replenishment of IFAD's Resources, which will be held on Saturday, 1 October and Sunday, 2 October 2005 at the Four Seasons Hotel, The Corniche, Doha, Qatar. The session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Saturday, 1 October.

The provisional agenda and a copy of the documents being presented to this session and posted today are enclosed.

At the July session of the Consultation, the delegate from the State of Qatar reaffirmed his Government's commitment to ensure the full success of the Doha session. In this regard, the State of Qatar has generously arranged to extend the following courtesies to all delegations:

- **Airport/hotel/in-town transportation**

Airport reception, hotel transfers, local transportation and security will be graciously provided by the State of Qatar for all delegates attending the session.

- **Accommodation**

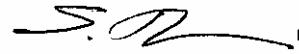
Daily room rates at the Four Seasons Hotel, including breakfast, have been reduced to the equivalent of USD 235 as a result of the exemption from the 17% hotel tax, kindly arranged by the State of Qatar for participants.

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- **Air travel to Doha**

Special airfare discounts have been secured by the State of Qatar for all participants flying with Qatar Airways. The airline will grant a discount of 25% off its listed prices or 15% off its discounted market prices (for instance, a discounted round-trip ticket Rome-Doha-Rome in business class will cost about USD 1 800, while an economy class ticket will cost about USD 500). To obtain the discount, participants must indicate, when booking, that they will be attending the session of the Consultation. Participants are advised to make preliminary bookings as early as possible since, according to Qatar Airways, demand for travel to Doha around the time of the session is likely to be extremely high.

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



Siva Thampi
Secretary of IFAD