**Support to family farming and small scale agriculture as a strategy to achieve rural poverty reduction:**

**Opportunities and Priorities to Strengthen FAO Regional Initiatives**

**9-10 of June 2016**

**FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy**

***Draft Workshop Agenda***

**Rationale**

The goals of poverty eradication and of promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production constitute the overarching framework and rationale of the new global development agenda. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in September 2015 are strongly focused on rural development, putting smallholder and family farmers at the centre of many of its 17 goals and 169 targets. In addition, the SDGs pay special attention to the developmental needs of women, youth and the most marginalized rural communities who are mostly dependent on agriculture for their livelihoods.

In this context, FAO restates its commitment to achieving these goals, while sustaining the legacy of the International Year of Family Farming, through its strategic goal of reducing rural poverty in support of family farmers and smallholder agriculture. As part of the strategy, it is fundamental to recognize global and regional structural transformations and related policy trends in the field of family farming, as well as partnerships with key players influencing regional and national processes.

The above requires a pro-active role of FAO in enhancing ongoing processes at the regional and national level, ensuring a better targeting of small scale family farmers in the context of agricultural, rural development and public policies, including social protection, as well as a better integration of this issue in the Organization’s work across the strategic programs, regional initiatives and field projects.

The workshop “*Support to Family farming and small scale agriculture to achieve rural poverty reduction:* *Opportunities and priorities to Strengthen FAO Regional Initiatives”* will focus on assessing the trends in family farming and debate the strategy and achievements of the three FAO Regional Initiatives related to family farming and smallholders. It will assess the impacts and gaps in FAO’s assistance to countries, identifying areas of focus to scale up the work at the policy level and promote the collaboration across regions to improve results.

**Objectives and expected outputs:**

1. To take stock of main trends, key country/regional initiatives and policy processes in family farming and small scale agriculture as a means to achieve rural poverty reduction;
2. To identify major needs, opportunities and priorities to strengthen FAO’s support to family farming and smallholders through the regional initiatives;
3. To improve delivery mechanisms, communication and coordination to enhance FAO’s implementation of the regional initiatives and their impact.

**Participants:** Family farming and small scale agriculture related regional Initiatives delivery teams; RIs team of all regions; Country support teams; FAO Representatives of selected focus countries; SP management teams (all SPs); relevant officers from technical divisions; external experts and partner institutions

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| **Day 1 - TARGETING FAMILY FARMING AND SMALL SCALE AGRICULTURE TO REDUCE RURAL POVERTY** | |
| 8h30 | Registration |
| **Session 1.1 Setting the scene. Family Farming trends, transformations and policies** | |
| 9h00 | **Welcome remarks**   * ***The legacy of the IYFF and the new sustainable development agenda. FAO achievements in supporting family farming for poverty reduction***   *Benjamin Davis, Strategic Objective Leader (SP3) and Marcela Villarreal, Director OPC* |
| 9h20 | **Roundtable discussion**   * ***Family farming and rural poverty transformations and policies trends: regional perspectives***   *Keynote speakers presenting regional studies and perspectives (Africa, Asia, Europe, NENA, Latin America)* |
| 10h20 | **Questions & Answers** |
| 10h50 | **Coffee Break** |
| **Session 1.2 Panel discussions - Family farming and small scale agriculture as a strategy to reduce rural poverty: issues and ongoing FAO efforts** | |
| 11h20 | ***Introduction to the panel discussions***  *Benjamin Davis, Strategic Objective Leader (SP3)* |
| 11h30 | **Panel discussion 1*: Linking territorial development and social protection towards sustainable food systems*** *– Chair SP2*  *Luiz Beduschi, Regional Initiative Delivery Manager (RLC)* |
| 12h30 | **Lunch** |
| 14h00 | **Panel discussion 2: Strengthening collective action of family farmers and their organizations *to improve access to value chains***, **markets** **and employment -** *Chair SP 4*  *Morten Hartvigsen, Regional Initiative Delivery Manager (REU)* |
| 15h00 | **Panel discussion 3: *Increasing resilience and productivity of family farms through innovative Rural Services*** *– Chair SP5*  *Alfredo Impiglia, Regional Initiative Delivery Manager, (RNE)* |
| 16h00 | **Coffee Break** |
| **Session 1.3: Assessing needs, opportunities and priorities to better target FAO’s work on family farming and small scale agriculture in the regions** | |
| 16h30 | **Bringing the RI together:**   * ***Interactive panel discussion with RICs, DMs, FAORs*** *– Chair SP1* |
| 17h00 | **Wrap-up of day 1 and close** |

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|  | **Day 2 – SCALE UP FAO’S WORK ON FAMILY FARMING THROUGH REGIONAL INITIATIVES** |
| 8h30 | **Summary of conclusions of previous day and introduction to day 1** |
| **Session 2.1 Achieving impact of the regional initiatives** | |
| 9h00 | **Panel discussion *- FAO’s results in promoting family farming to rural poverty reduction–***   * ***Introduction to main results, gaps and key issues*** * ***Facilitated discussion groups among DMs, FAORs and participants*** |
| 10h00 | **Coffee Break** |
| **Session 2.2 Promoting family farming policies: strategic processes, mechanisms and tools** | |
| 10h30 | **Introduction**  *OPC*  **Facilitated discussion groups**   * ***Multi-stakeholders platforms for policy dialogue*** * ***Family farming typologies and national registers*** * ***Inter-ministerial collaboration*** * ***Mainstreaming gender in policies and strategies***   *Discussants: DMs, RICs FAORs of focus country* |
| 11:40 | **Enhancing RIs through, knowledge, advocacy and communication for development**   * ***Presentations about the Family Farming Knowledge Platform and Ccommunication for development to support RIs.***   *OPC* |
| 12:00 | **Lunch** |
| **Session 2.3 Enhancing FF and SSA regional initiatives: towards common priorities and joint action** | |
| 13.00 | **Identifying common priorities and joint actions**   * ***Facilitated discussion*** ***groups*** * ***Discussion and prioritization in plenary***   *Regional Initiative Delivery Managers* |
| 14h45 | **Wrap-up and conclusions of the workshop**  *SP3, OPC* |
| 15h15 | ***Senior Management Meeting***: ***a Roadmap for this biennium*** (all SPs, RICs, DMs, OPC) |