Session 2

**Smallholders and Family Farms – Regional Priority 1**

Through a case study from Armenia, this session will focus on the challenges for smallholders and family farms in the region, including the main needs and constraints and policy recommendations for the development of the small farms. Focus also will be placed on diversification of the rural economy, poverty reduction and increased rural livelihoods.

A moderated panel discussion will focus on the adjustment of Regional Priority 1 coming out of the ERC 2020 and the REU internal review process, considering COVID-19 recovery, Leaving No One Behind (LNOB), and other factors in achieving the SDGs.

Members and non-state actors are invited to provide their thoughts and views along the lines of the guiding questions in the background document on the directions of the sutured support to be provided by FAO to smallholders, family farms, women and youth in Europe and Central Asia in order to address Regional Priority 1.

*(background document)*