**Rural development through diversification of jobs and incomes**

*Focus on gender-responsive microfinance*

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**Sunday, 24 September 2006**

Arrivals

**Monday, 25 September 2006**

8.00 Registration

9.00 **Opening session**
- Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Hungary (MARD)
- Representative/s of Pécs city and regional authorities
- FAO Subregional Representative for Central and Eastern Europe
- Chairperson of FAO/ECA WPW Board

9.30 Expert Meeting programme, organization, tasks and expected outputs. Introduction of participants and resource persons; workshop expectations.

10.00 **First technical paper:** Equal opportunities and women’s involvement in the AVOP National Development Plan in Hungary

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 **Second technical paper:** Presentation of Hungarian experience in rural entrepreneurship and finance; lessons learned:
- Economics and access to capital for investment
- Institutional support and gender aspects
- Financing diversification of farm activities and incomes

12.30 Lunch

13.30 **FAO’s Socioeconomic and Gender Analysis Programme (SEAGA)** - Gender issues and tools in microfinance

14.30-18.00 **Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)** countries’ experience in sustainable rural entrepreneurship and finance.
- National presentations and case studies
- Group work
- Discussions in plenary

Summary and wrap-up of day sessions by resource person; preliminary conclusions and recommendations.
Coffee break around 15.00 included.

19.00 Welcome dinner hosted by MARD
Tuesday, 26 September 2006

9.00 - 9.15 Feedback from the previous day

9.15 - 12:45 **South-eastern Europe (SEE) countries’ experience in sustainable rural entrepreneurship and finance**
   - National presentations and case studies
   - Group work
   - Discussions in plenary

Summary of South-eastern Europe experiences; wrap up by resource person; preliminary conclusions and recommendations.
Coffee break around 10:30 included.

13.00 Lunch

14.00 - 17.30 **Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries’ experience in rural entrepreneurship and finance**
   - National presentations and case studies
   - Group work
   - Discussions in plenary

Summary of CIS experience; wrap up of CIS sessions by resource person; preliminary conclusions and recommendations.
Coffee break around 16:00 included.

Wednesday, 27 September 2006

Morning and afternoon Study tour in Pécs region; visits to rural development projects, entrepreneurs and farms
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Thursday, 28 September 2006

9.00  Western European (WE) countries’ experience in rural entrepreneurship and finance
- National presentations and case studies
- Group work
- Discussions in plenary
Summary of WE experience; wrap up of WE sessions by resource person; preliminary conclusions and recommendations.
Coffee break around 10.30 included.

12.30  Lunch

13.30  Visit to local bank: Experience of programmes and finance projects to support sustainable rural entrepreneurship and diversification of farms’ activities and rural incomes

15.00  Coffee break

15.30  Theme working groups sessions report to plenary
  • Summaries of national programmes’ and projects’ experience and

17.00  • Wrap up of day sessions by resource persons.
Preliminary conclusions and recommendations

Friday, 29 September 2005

9.00 – 12.30  Synthesis of experiences and discussions

Expert Meeting conclusions:
1. Discussion of meeting report
2. Recommendations
3. Evaluation of meeting and recommendations
   - Resource persons
   - Meeting participants
   - WPW Board
   - FAO
Includes a coffee break from 10:30 – 10:45

12.30  Closing of the Expert Meeting

13.00  Lunch