



**NINETEENTH FAO/ECA WPW EXPERT MEETING
ON GENDER AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Pécs, Hungary, 25-29 September 2006**

*Rural development through diversification of jobs and incomes
Focus on gender-responsive microfinance*

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR PARTICIPANTS

- Qualifications** Active participation and experience in rural and regional development programmes and projects, i.e. project leaders and staff from NGOs, Ministries of Agriculture and Rural Agencies, regional and local government agencies and institutions, farmers and processors organizations and researchers and extension workers;
Good analytical and communication skills;
Good written and spoken English.
- Purpose and tasks** Participants will gain analytical skills and practical knowledge of sustainable rural development projects, taking into account both a gender and community perspective. Participants are invited to prepare and present during the Expert Meeting a report or case study on
- Rural development and regional projects and programmes' experience with focus on financing of rural development gender issues and diversification of job opportunities and incomes;
 - Share experience from technical assistance projects and programmes in rural development in (i) gender mainstreaming and (ii) rural finance, including training and capacity building.
- Preparatory work and presentation material** Written reports or case studies, in English, are invited to be presented during the Meeting
- One page summary to be sent by e-mail or fax to organizers by 28 July 2006 and
 - Full text, up to 20 000 words, in Word format to be sent by e-mail or fax to organizers by 31 August 2006.

The Meeting organizers and FAO plan to publish, in hard copy and on the web, the Meeting papers, presentations and analytical summary of discussions as well as recommendations based on Meeting discussions. Authors are invited to format their papers for such publication. Where relevant, Authors are invited to refer and indicate availability and location of national studies, reports and work in progress addressing issues related to the Meeting agenda for broad dissemination.