



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

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



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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