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**Invitation to the Nineteenth FAO/ECA WPW
Expert Meeting on Gender and Rural Development
Pécs, Hungary, 25-29 September 2006**

Reply requested by 7 July 2006

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has the honour to extend an invitation to attend the annual FAO/ECA WPW Expert Meeting on Gender and Rural Development, to be held in Pécs from 25 to 29 September 2006 at the kind invitation of the Government of Hungary. The theme of the Expert Meeting is *Rural development through diversification of jobs and incomes – Focus on gender-responsive microfinance*.

The Expert Meeting will provide participants with a unique opportunity to share experience in rural development projects and programmes and their financing and addressing gender issues in diversification of rural job opportunities and incomes. It will further provide the opportunity to acquire the use of different tools, methodologies and approaches for networking to facilitate exchange of experience and capacity building with focus on gender. The programme will include lectures, workshops and country case studies. The Host Government will organize a study tour presenting national and community-level experience related to the theme of the Meeting.

Governments are invited to designate two participants to take part in the Meeting.

The working language of the Meeting will be English. Attached are the Terms of Reference for the Participants, the Meeting Needs Assessment, the Provisional Programme, Information Note and Registration Form.

The Regional Representative for Europe would appreciate if this invitation and attachments could be transmitted to the concerned officials in the appropriate ministries. The Regional Representative for Europe would also appreciate being informed by 7 July 2006 of the names, official titles and addresses of the participants designated to attend.