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Dear Colleagues,

In the global efforts towards Agenda 2030 and achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the development community with Governments agreed on 230 indicators to actualize the goals. The universal challenge in light of the aforementioned is for Governments and development partners in countries to be able to measure, track progress, and consume evidence for decision making against these indicators in order to achieve the SDGs. Strong evidence-based decision making is fundamental in assessing project performance, strengthening project design and informing the replicability of successful operations in order to achieve better development results and impact. For this reason, governments and development partners have progressively stressed the importance of improving in country capacities on Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) as a driver to improve results and impact on the ground.

To this end, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), has partnered with the Centres for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR) to develop a rural development focused training and certification framework for monitoring and evaluation – PRiME (Program in rural M&E). PRiME aims to significantly expand and add value to efforts in closing data gaps by strengthening and enhancing country and regional capacities in the collection and management of data in the rural development sector. To learn more about the program please visit www.primetraining.global

During October 2017, PRiME will deliver its first training on Fundamentals of M&E I to participants from over forty countries. In this context, IFAD and CLEAR are pleased to invite you to participate at the launch event of PRiME that will be held in **IFAD headquarters, Rome, Italy** on **Wednesday 18 October** from **16:30 to 18:00** (webcast available). The event is organized in conjunction with IFAD's eleventh replenishment consultation, and will feature a panel of experts who will reflect on "Achieving the SDGs: How can building in country capacities on monitoring and evaluation help us achieve Agenda 2030."

We look forward to welcoming you for the event in October.

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