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## **Third International Conference on Financing for Development**

*Achieving Zero Hunger: The Critical Role of Investments in Social Protection and Agriculture*

**A side-event organized by FAO, IFAD and WFP in collaboration with the  
Government of the Republic of Guyana and the UN Regional Economic Commissions**

**Date:** Wednesday, 15 July 2015, from 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm.

**Venue:** Hilton Addis Ababa, Ground Floor - Harrar Grill. Light refreshments will be served.

### **Rationale and purpose**

The importance of eliminating hunger and malnutrition as a key component for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has been consistently highlighted by Member States in the United Nations General Assembly intergovernmental negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and the Financing for Development (FfD) deliberations. It is widely recognized that chronic hunger and malnutrition are both a cause and effect of persistent poverty, degradation of natural resources and climate change. Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG2) recognizes the comprehensive and complementary nature of the interventions required to eliminate hunger and malnutrition, eradicate rural poverty and foster the transition to sustainable agriculture and food production systems. Targeting the most vulnerable people affected by extreme poverty, chronic hunger and malnutrition will be crucial to achieving the SDGs. Investments that promote sustainable agriculture and food production systems, ensure access to nutritious food through social protection mechanisms, and increase the resilience of vulnerable populations will be critical to eliminating hunger.

Leading up to the FfD Conference, the Rome-based Agencies have produced a new report that estimates the additional investments required to achieve the SDG2 target of a world without hunger by 2030. The report indicates the kind of investments needed to end hunger and malnutrition, including investments to secure adequate and sustainable levels of food production and affordable access to food for all. Estimates incorporate regional analysis and breakdown of the investments needed. The objectives of the side-event are to: i) present estimates of the additional investments needed to eliminate hunger by 2030 based on the report's findings; and ii) facilitate discussion by a wide range of stakeholders on action needed to achieve zero hunger.

### **Organization and format**

The event will be chaired by the Minister of Finance of the Republic of Guyana. It will take the form of a panel discussion, composed of the Principals of the Rome-based Agencies of the United Nations (FAO, IFAD, and WFP), as well the Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the General Director for Multilateral and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, and the President of Biovision and the Millennium Institute. Based on the estimates presented, the panellists will have a discussion on the investments required to end hunger and the potential sources of investments.