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Third International Conference on Financing for Development – Second Drafting Session – Side event

**Ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition,
and promoting sustainable agriculture – how to make it happen?**

Date and venue:

Friday, 17 April 2015, 13.15-14.30, Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters, New York.

Rationale and purpose:

The ambitious goal of ending hunger, achieving nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture – SDG2 – will require strong commitment and action at the national level, supported by continuing engagement from the international community. It will also require the mobilization and effective use of a range of resources, notably financial resources. In this context, the *Third International Conference on Financing for Sustainable Development* provides an opportunity to ensure that this and other Sustainable Development Goals are accompanied by a financing framework that is capable of delivering the resources need to implement them at the national, regional, and global levels.

Inclusive, efficient and sustainable food systems underpinned by productive and sustainable agriculture are critical for ending hunger, eradicating extreme poverty, and achieving adequate nutrition for all. They are also important for many other elements of the post-2015 development agenda such as inclusive growth, gender equality, health, education, inequality, resilience, and decent employment. Mobilizing resources towards SDG2 therefore has the potential to contribute to the implementation of many different parts of the agenda. As such, it should be on top of the agenda of decision-makers at Addis Ababa.

The new financing framework should seek to expand the portfolio of tools and funding mechanisms available to deliver in the area of SDG2 in all its components, notably by:

- channelling more and better public spending, both domestic and international, towards food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture;
- better linking humanitarian, development, and climate finance to build resilience in food systems and in rural livelihoods;
- leveraging responsible private investment through innovative solutions that can be taken to scale;

The event will provide an opportunity for stakeholders, including representatives of Member States, civil society organizations, research institutions and the UN system to share their knowledge and perspectives on how the new financial framework can help to achieve SDG2, and to discuss practical, concrete mechanisms that may contribute to this.

Format:

A moderated panel discussion including discussion with the audience.