



Rome, 23 August 2024

Dear Ms Tang Lixia and Authorizing Authority,

We are delighted to invite Professor Tang Lixia to participate as a panelist in two interconnected events the *Global Family Farming Forum* and the *Multi-Stakeholder dialogue on the future of small-scale production, rural employment and rural transformation*. The full range of events will be held in Rome from 15 to 19 October 2024 (see details below).

Events Background:

1. The Global Family Farming Forum – will take place from 15 to 17 October 2024 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome. The Forum occurs at the halfway mark of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming, and the event is being held simultaneously with the World Food Forum. It is hosted by the UNFFF Secretariat in partnership with Italy, Brazil and the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program. *We would like to invite Professor Tang Lixia to participate as a panelist in the session “Trends affecting the future of smallholder family farming, rural employment and inclusive rural transformation,” being held on 16 October. She is most welcome to also attend other activities during this forum.*
2. The Multi-Stakeholder dialogue on the future of small-scale production, rural employment and rural transformation is hosted by FAO and will take place on 18th and 19th October. The event aims to discuss a comprehensive analysis of trends affecting small-scale family farming and rural employment; identify key data gaps and research needs; discuss the effectiveness of public policies supporting small-scale producers, rural employment and inclusive rural transformation; and explore the evolving role of collective action in the context of digitalization and other changes. The event will bring together experts, policy makers, family farmers and leaders of producers’ organizations. *We would like to invite Professor Tang Lixia to be a panelist on 18 October and 19 October and to participate throughout the dialogue. Specifically:*
 1. Panel 2: Pathways for inclusive rural transformation: the complementarities (and trade-offs) between supporting small-scale family farmers, promoting off-farm employment, and expanding the coverage of social protection.
 2. Panel 6: Promoting equitable & sustainable rural transformation in the context of Prevalence of rural poverty, urbanization and industrialization

Events Details:

- *Global Family Farming Forum:* FAO Headquarters Rome, Italy, 15 – 17 October 2024
- *Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue:* Venue to be confirmed – Rome, Italy, 18 – 19 October 2024

FAO will cover the cost of the following:

- Round trip international flight ticket from Beijing, China to Rome, Italy, 14/10/24- 20/10/24
- Hotel Accommodation
- Daily Subsistence Allowance (meals, transportation costs from and to the airports and provide an amount to cover any miscellaneous and unforeseen expenses).

The detailed Terms of Reference is attached for your information, and I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us for this important occasion.

Yours sincerely,



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