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Dear Mr. Nwanze,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 18 December 2013, inviting him to the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, to be held in Rome on 19 and 20 February 2014.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that he will be unable to attend the event, in view of prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule on the said dates. Nevertheless, allow me to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful session.

Yours sincerely, .

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Kanayo F. Nwanze
President
International Fund for
Agricultural Development
Rome

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**Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General: Thirty-seventh session of the
Governing Council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,
Rome, 19 and 20 February 2014**

Jackilyn Punsal to: ifad
Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada

03/02/2014 06:43 PM

From: Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO
To: ifad@ifad.org,
Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ



Dear Sir or Madam,

Grateful if you can convey the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to Mr. Kanayo F. Nwanze, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.



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The originals have been sent via mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jackilyn Punsal
Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations
Room S-3862
Tel: 212-963-7428
e-mail: punsal@un.org

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Re: For DU's Advice: Invitation to the 37th Session of the Governing Council of IFAD_19-20 February 2014 in Rome, Italy

Lenni Montiel to: Alexandra Barahona Posada

09/01/2014 06:51 PM

Cc: "Josiane", Aminata Sy, Deirdre Boyd, ferascu, Jackilyn Punsal, Sanghwa Lee

I suggest, we simply provide a regret.

Alexandra Barahona Posada

Dear Lenni, The Secretary-General w...

09/01/2014 05:27:00 PM

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To: Lenni Montiel/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
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Date: 09/01/2014 05:27 PM
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Kanayo F. Nwanze

His Excellency
Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, N.Y.

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Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, N.Y.

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**Details of the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council
19-20 February 2014**

Distinguished Observers,

Pursuant to the invitation letter of the President of IFAD, Mr Kanayo F. Nwanze, I am honoured to provide further details regarding the thirty-seventh session of IFAD's Governing Council.

The session will be held on 19 and 20 February 2014 at IFAD headquarters, via Paolo di Dono 44, Rome, Italy. It will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 February. The provisional agenda and draft programme of events are attached herewith, along with an information note for delegates on meeting arrangements.

The overarching theme *Investing in smallholder family farmers for the future we want* will be the focus of the session. The various events planned will provide a platform for advocacy and knowledge-sharing and offer a valuable opportunity to identify innovative means of investing in smallholder family farming and explore how best to reap the potential benefits.

On the first morning, an inaugural ceremony will be followed by a special panel entitled *IFAD investing in smallholder family farmers: Sharing experiences from the field*. Later in the day, the Governors' Round Table will focus on the main theme of the session, affording Governors the opportunity to engage with their peers, share experiences, educate and learn. The ultimate aim will be to arrive at a common vision for the future we want and how to achieve it by investing in family farmers, through IFAD as their staunch advocate.

At the end of the first day, the President of IFAD will host a reception at IFAD's headquarters. All delegates are cordially invited to attend.

Three events will be held on the second day, beginning with a networking breakfast during which Governing Council participants will be able to meet with IFAD staff and share information and lessons learned. The breakfast will be followed by a private-sector panel, which will explore ways of promoting alliances between smallholder farmers and private-sector entities. Later in the morning, an event will be held featuring internationally recognized personalities with innovative ties to the world of the smallholder farmer. The discussion will be facilitated by a moderator of international renown.

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Representatives of Countries and
Organizations with Observer Status
to IFAD's Governing Council

All delegates attending the Council will be invited to a special side event, focusing on the **post-2015** development agenda and IFAD's engagement therein. The input of IFAD's esteemed Governors will be sought on how IFAD can best contribute to shaping this agenda and ensuring that the important role of smallholder family farming is duly recognized on the global stage. This event will be held on the afternoon of 18 February.

Should you wish to designate an observer to attend the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council, it would be appreciated if the name could be communicated by e-mail (e-mail: MS-Liaison@ifad.org) to the Office of the Secretary of IFAD by Tuesday, 4 February 2014 at the latest. For planning and organizational purposes, we would also appreciate notification from your office should your country or organization not be represented.

Updated information on the programme of events and additional documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council will be made available periodically on the IFAD website (www.ifad.org) and on the Member States Interactive Platform (<https://webapps.ifad.org/members>).

Accept, Distinguished Observers, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Rasit Pertev
Secretary of IFAD