Panel and Plenary Discussions on Agriculture, Land and Rural Development

Regional Implementation Meeting
For Asia and the Pacific

Initiatives that empower communities have proved successful and will be increasingly important in addressing the needs of small farmers, who are considered as being increasingly vulnerable and require specific support.
• Natural disaster
• Land tenure
• Investment focus
• Education
• “Leveling the playing field”
• Differentiated strategies
• Changing risks for women
• Dependence on fossil fuels and diversification of energy sources

Interventions that achieve synergies between energy use, economic opportunity, environmental protection and building social capital are showing great promise
The need for balance between rural and urban development

* Balancing strategies

Mobilizing financing

* Public-private partnership arrangements
* Investments in research
Genetically modified organisms - benefits and risks unclear

* Limited benefits for small farmers and caution is needed

Increasing competition for agricultural resources

* Eco-efficient vs. intensive agricultural production
* Demand-side management
Cross-cutting issues

• Implementing energy transition in both urban and rural sectors is more urgent than ever; however, it must be approached more carefully than ever
• Investment in research must be redoubled to bridge the growing gap between current knowledge and the knowledge to face future challenges