Invitation to international technical webinar

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Migration and Youth in Rural Areas

BACKGROUND

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OBJECTIVES OF THIS SESSION

- Describe the drivers of youth migration and the current trends;
- Explain the positive and negative impacts of migration in rural areas;
- Outline why FAO works on migration issues and how migration could be mainstreamed into rural development policies and programmes.

SPEAKERS

This technical webinar will be delivered by **Ms Jacqueline Demeranville** (FAO), **Ms Joy Mulema Nkoitoi** (FAO Office in Kenya), and moderated by **Ms Cristina Petracchi**, Leader of the FAO elearning Academy.

**Jacqueline Demeranville** is FAO technical focal point on migration. She leads the migration group based in FAO’s Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division. She represents FAO in global migration fora and coordinates knowledge generation, capacity development and technical support to countries to address the challenges and harness the opportunities of rural migration, including a range of work areas such as climate change and migration, diaspora engagement in agribusiness, protection of migrant workers in agriculture, support to rural returnees and

**Joy Mulema Nkoitoi** has over seven years of experience working with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, particularly in the humanitarian development nexus vis-à-vis food security, rural youth employment and agriculture, which she has significantly contributed to in her career to date. Supporting youth empowerment through the Youth Employment Programme at FAO Kenya, Joy is driven by the need to promote youth engagement in agriculture and tapping into agribusiness as a source of more and improved employment opportunities for

**Cristina Petracchi** heads the FAO elearning Academy. She manages and coordinates the design, development, delivery and language adaptations of an extensive portfolio of elearning courses and blended learning programmes for the benefit of FAO member countries and is responsible for the creation of University Masters’ and Post Graduate Degree Programmes. She engages actively in consolidating partnerships across United Nations agencies, academic institutions and universities, regional organizations, CSOs and NGOs, for capacity development
youth employment. Prior to that, she covered the role of programme officer on child labour in agriculture. Before joining FAO in 2010, Jacqueline was a consultant for the International Labour Organization (ILO). She holds a master’s degree in Development Economics.

In addition to a University Degree in Biological Sciences, Ms Petracchi holds a PhD in Nutrition and Food Science, and has several years of experience of capacity development activities in several countries.

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