



Islamic Development Bank Group organizes Agriculture Week

Jeddah - The Islamic Development Bank Group is organizing an Agriculture and Rural Development Week under the theme ***“Inclusive Economic Growth through Productive and Resilient Agriculture”*** during the period from **19-23 March 2017** at its Headquarters in **Jeddah, Saudi Arabia**.

The event will to explore means and discuss successful models to promote inclusive rural economic growth with emphasis on enhancing smallholder productivity and resilience. More specifically, the event will showcase progress and innovations that could be brought to scale, strengthen partnership for going to scale and sustain impacts made, and capture and document emerging lessons.

A number of local, regional, and international experts have been invited representing multilateral development banks and financial Institutions, UN agencies, private sector, civil society, research and academic institutions. Among them Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs, the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs and a professor of health policy and management at Columbia's School of Public Health and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals.

The first two days will witness a number of capacity building and training activities on project procurement, financial management and IDB project implementation guidelines and procedures. An agriculture Forum will be held on **22-23 March** during which topical issues like enhancing food security in an era of climate change, building strategic partnerships, governance and strengthening institutions for impact, financing for development, and sustainable Development Goals: focus on the billion poor.

Together, the two events will have about 250 participants, including 170 external participants from member countries project teams and experts from the field, and about 80 IDB Group staff.

The outcome of the event is expected to include highlight progress and impacts of IDB Group investments in agriculture and rural development, capture lessons on what is working well or not, provide opportunities for building partnerships internally within the IDB Group and with stakeholders, and generate information and insights that could go into the communication and knowledge products of the IDB Group.