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Dear Partner,

Subject: Invitation to FANRPAN partners' meeting: Lakeview Airport Lodge, Kempton Park 20th June 2008

Dear Partner,

The ongoing food crisis presents an opportune moment for Southern Africa to review its policies and put in place long term strategies that will make the region food secure.

FANRPAN is happy to share with its partners its policy research and advocacy programme on four major thematic thrusts (1) food policies; (2) agricultural productivity; (3) natural resources and environment and (4) HIV and AIDS' impact on agriculture and food security. Attached is a bulleted outline of the 10 ongoing projects and an additional 11 prospective ones currently under negotiations.

Over the coming four days, I will, on a daily basis, send you two page press releases with project details for one thematic thrust.

I would like to thank all our partners who have confirmed their availability to join us on Friday the 20th June at Lakeview Airport Lodge, Johannesburg where our project leaders will share details on evidence to support policy development. I kindly urge those of you who have not responded to the invite to do so as soon as possible. The convener of the meeting is the FANRPAN Board Chair, Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya who is also the Secretary General Ad Interim of COMESA.

We thank all our funding partners for their support (USAID; DFID; Southern Africa Trust; CPWF; EU; CTA).

I look forward to meeting you on Friday.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

CC:
FANRPAN Board Chair Mr Sindiso Ngwenya, Secretary General Ad Interim of COMESA