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The Great Lakes Region's CATALIST Project and Radio Maendeleo organize a training workshop on the role of the media in developing the agricultural sector and promoting sustainable energy

Bukavu, May 31st, 2010. A training workshop on the role of the media in developing the agricultural sector and promoting sustainable energy will be organized by IFDC CATALIST, in collaboration with Maendeleo Radio Station at La Roche Hotel in Bukavu, a district of DRC's South Kivu province from June 1st to 4th, 2010.

The training will provide the South Kivu media with theoretical and practical information on the peasant movement, agricultural technologies promoted by the CATALIST project and its SEW (Sustainable Energy Production through Woodlots and Agroforestry) component and on steps taken by farmers and producer organizations to better understand agri-business development.

Twenty journalists were chosen among many applicants to participate in the training. FOPAC/SK¹ and CRONGD/SK², two organizations from the Congo Civil Society, will be represented by leaders of the peasant movement in the country. The official opening will take place under the patronage of the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture. The National Ministry of Agriculture and CARG³ will also be represented.

Topics will include agricultural intensification, value chain development and presentations on agricultural policy in the DRC, including the Agricultural Code.

¹ La Fédération des Organisations des Producteurs Agricoles du Congo – Branche du Sud Kivu

² Le Conseil Régional des ONG de Développement du Sud Kivu

³ Conseil Agricole Rural de Gestion