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IFDC's CATALIST project presents its component SEW to local partners

Kigali, 14 July 2010. IFDC's CATALIST project will present a one-day workshop on the objectives, activities, structure and strategies of the Sustainable Energy through Woodlots and Agroforestry in the Albertine Rift (SEW) Project. The SEW informational workshop is being held for local authorities, civil society organizations and the private sector in Nyamagabe, Southern Province of Rwanda, on Friday, July 16th, 2010 at the Golden Monkey Hotel.

SEW is a three-year regional project (Burundi, DRC, Rwanda) that aims to achieve sustainable energy production based on reforestation and the professionalization of the energy production sector. Its goals include boosting fuel wood production by promoting private investments through efficient woodlot reforestation and agroforestry, strengthening the firewood and charcoal value chains and providing an enabling environment for the development of the fuelwood sectors.

The workshop will be opened by the Rwandan Minister of Forests and Mines, Mr. Christophe Bazivamo, and Mr. Fidèle Ndayisaba, the Governor of the Southern Province. The workshop is expected to bring together over 120 participants from the districts of Nyaruguru, Nyamagabe, Nyanza, Huye, Gisagara and Muhanga who are directly or indirectly involved in the project. Sessions led by SEW staff members will give attendees a clear understanding of the project and will create synergies that are needed for its success. SEW staff will gather recommendations and expectations of the project from participants.

The workshop will be followed by a series of similar sessions that will be held in the North West Province and the Eastern Province of Rwanda.

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