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Informational Workshop on SEW in Musanze, Northern Province

Kigali, October 14, 2010 – IFDC CATALIST is organizing a one-day informational workshop on the SEW component (Sustainable Energy Production through Woodlots and Agroforestry in the Albertine Rift). The workshop is being held for local authorities, civil society organizations and the private sector in Musanze, Northern Province, on October 15th, 2010 at the *Salle Polyvalente de Musanze*.

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 fuel wood sector.

The workshop is expected to bring together about 110 participants from the district of Musanze who are directly or indirectly involved in the project. Sessions will give attendees a clear understanding of the project and will create synergies that are needed for its success. Participants will have an opportunity to formulate expectations and recommendations.

Organized by IFDC's CATALIST project, the Musanze workshop follows an initial workshop held on July 2010 in the Southern Province and a second one on October 13th,

2010 in Eastern Province.

The CATALIST project is increasing food security, reducing poverty and improving regional collaboration in an effort to foster peace and security in the Great Lakes Region. CATALIST is enabling farmers to increase their production and incomes through an integrated approach that combines sustainable agricultural intensification technologies with farm-to-market linkages and infrastructure construction.

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