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**Ninth Session of the Governing Council of the
Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture**

Bogor, Indonesia – Representatives of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand will convene the ninth session of the Governing Council of the Centre for the Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA), a subsidiary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The Governing Council will gather in Bogor from 14 to 15 February and will be hosted by the Government of Indonesia. Observers from Cambodia, Germany, Laos and Nepal, as well as regional and international organizations will also join the meeting.

During its annual session, the Governing Council will review the administrative and financial status of CAPSA, the implementation of its work programme in 2012 and the Centre's programme of work for 2013 and beyond.

The Deputy Executive Secretary of ESCAP, Mr. Shun-ichi Murata, will open the meeting with an emphasis on the need for radical changes in the way we produce, store, process, distribute and access food and CAPSA's role in finding solutions for these challenges.

About CAPSA

CAPSA promotes exchange of knowledge and South-South cooperation on sustainable agriculture for the Asia and Pacific region.

CAPSA efforts have won recognition with a €2.5-million European Union grant for 2012-2014. The *SATNET Asia* project supports innovation by strengthening South-South dialogue and intraregional learning on sustainable agriculture technologies and trade facilitation.

Other initiatives that were recently launched by the Centre include capacity-building programmes on agricultural policy analysis for government officials. These training courses focus on analytical tools to support decision-making for poverty reduction and food security through sustainable agriculture.

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