Dear Delegate,

As you prepare for Kigali, below is a quick update on a few exciting developments:

- **As you enter the week.** Ten of the 12 heads of state of the African Union (AU) will join the President of Rwanda and the AU Heads of State in January together with the AU Secretary General for the opening ceremony of the AGRF. The CAADP Biennial Review Report submitted to the AU Heads of State will be launched at AGRF 2018. The report is the first to consider the implementation of the CAADP Agenda at country and regional levels, and it is a critical milestone in the movement towards food security.

- **Preparations for this year’s Forum are in top gear.** We are delighted that you will be part of this landmark agriculture platform for Africa where decisions and investments to transform the continent’s economy are made.

- **If you have not registered, please hurry and register now.** Requests for registration are coming in thick and fast and there are only limited slots remaining; you do not want to miss out!

- **Dr. Shenggen Fan is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).** Dr. Fan serves as the Director of IFPRI’s program on public investment. Prior to IFPRI, he held positions including Vice President Group Control, Group Controller, Group Financial Analyst 1997-2003. Dr. Fan’s work focuses on policy-relevant research on agricultural growth and development in Africa. Dr. Fan is a member of the World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Africa Future Council and former USAID Administrator appointed by President Obama in 2009, and unanimously confirmed by the Senate. He was charged with reshaping the $20 billion agency’s operations to provide greater assistance to pressing development challenges around the globe.

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**The Programme is ready:** We have developed a dynamic 3.5-day agenda exploring key topics that will be discussed in high-level sessions, plenary sessions,冢田, science events, debates, workshops and exhibitions.

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**To see who else is coming, please visit our speakers webpage www.agrf.org.**

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