

**Panel and Plenary  
Discussions on Agriculture,  
Land and Rural Development**

**Regional Implementation Meeting  
For Asia and the Pacific**

**Initiatives that empower  
communities have proved  
successful and will be  
increasingly important in  
addressing the needs of small  
farmers, who are considered as  
being increasingly vulnerable and  
require specific support**

- Natural disaster
- Land tenure
- Investment focus
- Education
- “Leveling the playing field”
- Differentiated strategies
- Changing risks for women
- Dependence on fossil fuels and diversification of energy sources

Interventions that achieve synergies between energy use, economic opportunity, environmental protection and building social capital are showing great promise

The need for balance between  
rural and urban development

- \* Balancing strategies

Mobilizing financing

- \* Public-private partnership  
arrangements

- \* Investments in research

Genetically modified  
organisms - benefits and risks  
unclear

- \* Limited benefits for small  
farmers and caution is needed

Increasing competition for  
agricultural resources

- \* Eco-efficient vs. intensive  
agricultural production
- \* Demand-side management

## Cross-cutting issues

- Implementing energy transition in both urban and rural sectors is more urgent than ever; however, it must be approached more carefully than ever
- Investment in research must be redoubled to bridge the growing gap between current knowledge and the knowledge to face future challenges