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**Object.** : Joint FAO-WPSA Symposium 'Guidance for the poultry sector – issues and options'  
24 August 2010, Tours, France, at the European poultry conference

Dear Colleague,

In collaboration with the European poultry conference, WPSA and the poultry breeding industry, FAO will organize a one-day joint session entitled "Guidance for the poultry sector – issues and options". The symposium will take place in Tours, France, on 24 August 2010, from 11:30 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 18:30.

The aims of this symposium are:

- Undertake a comprehensive assessment of global poultry production and the impact of the challenges on its long term efficiency and sustainability;
- Discuss the elements of technically sustainable and socially equitable global poultry production. These are: food safety and quality; public health, animal health; environment, biodiversity and natural resources; trade liberalization and market distortion; and poverty reduction, social equity and economic development.

The symposium will be organized in five sessions covering the above elements. Each session will include a 20 minute presentation followed by 40 minute plenary discussion.

It is envisaged that the symposium will be attended by representatives of regulatory bodies and development agencies; large and small producers and integrators; cooperatives, retailers, consumer organizations; pharmaceutical, feed and processing industries; scientific experts in related fields, as well as EPC participants.

We would be very honoured if you could join us at this event. For logistical reasons, we would kindly ask you to confirm your participation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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