



**4th Edition of the Rural and Agricultural Finance Program**  
**16 – 27 July, 2018**  
**Utrecht, Netherlands**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to the **4<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Boulder Rural and Agricultural Finance Programme (RAFP)**, in partnership with the Improving Capacity Building in Rural Finance (CABFIN) partnership - a collaborative workgroup including FAO, IFAD, GIZ, UNCDF, World Bank, WFP and CGAP - and the support of Rabobank Foundation. The 2018 programme will be offered in English, from 16 to 27 July, in Utrecht (The Netherlands), at the Rabobank Group Headquarters.

The Programme will offer 12 elective courses to choose from, that add to 70 academic hours, delivered by a core faculty composed of a diverse group of world-renowned agri-finance experts. The program will cover a broad range of topics and viewpoints on how to efficiently reach smallholder farmers as well as SMEs. Our program also features the Rural and Agricultural Finance Master Class, a dynamic and participatory roundtable event that debates the latest topics from the field, industry trends and emerging shifts in paradigms of thought. Each morning, participants will debate different aspects of rural and agricultural finance, the lessons learned, and the diversity of approaches to them.

As part of the program, you will:

- Distinguish and assess the financial needs of diverse client segments operating across value chains in rural and agricultural finance and understand the products, technologies, tools and delivery models that respond to these needs.
- Understand the policies, programs and institutions that governments can use to promote the supply and demand of financial services for agriculture and in rural areas.
- Distinguish sources of risks in agricultural finance and understand key risk management techniques for farms, rural households, and financial service providers (FSPs), while taking into consideration the trade-off between managing costs and reducing risks.

We invite you to register for the 2018 Boulder RAFP and share your skills, experience, and perspective. We would also greatly appreciate it if you could share this information with colleagues, networks, and others that you think may be interested in learning about the program. Together, by promoting financial inclusion through the strengthening of technical capacities among policy-makers, financial service providers and institutions serving rural SMEs and smallholder farmers, we can improve their conditions.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us or the Boulder team at [info@bouldermicrofinance.org](mailto:info@bouldermicrofinance.org) or call US +1-315-760-3091. The program staff would be happy to support you.

Sincerely,

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