



Briefing session n° 7: Rising Food Prices: an opportunity for change?

16th October 2008 - 8h30 – 12h30
European Commission, Building A. Borschette,
Rue Froissart, 36 - 1040 Brussels
Room 1D

Programme

- 8h00-8h30 Registration
 8h30-9h00 Welcome remarks by the organizers
- *Dr Hansjörg Neun, Director of CTA*
 - *Prof. Lluís Riera, Director, DG Development, European Commission*
 - *Sir John Kaputin, Secretary General of the ACP Secretariat*
 - *Special guest: Jacques Diouf, Director-General, FAO (in videoconference from Rome on the occasion of the World Food Day)*
 - *Programme and objectives of the Briefing, Mrs Isolina Boto, Head, CTA Brussels Office*

9h00-10h45 **Panel 1 - Rising food prices: trends and impacts**

This panel will review the causes, trends and impacts of the food prices crisis from a development perspective, with a special focus on ACP countries and on the rural households and small-scale farmers. It will also touch upon the immediate actions which have been taken to respond to the most urgent needs.

Panellists:

- *What caused the food price spike?*
Steve Wiggins, Research Fellow, Rural Policy & Governance, Overseas Development Institute, ODI, United Kingdom
- *Food security strategies: a leading role for farmers organisations*
Rose Renwick, WINFA, the Caribbean, on behalf of the ACP regional producer's organisations
- *A civil society perspective on the food prices crisis*
Stineke Oenema, European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development, Concord

Discussant: *H.E. Mr Kadré Désiré Ouedraogo, Ambassador of Burkina Faso and Chair of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors*

10h45-11h00 Coffee break

11h00-12h30 **Panel 2 - Food for all: achieving a long term resiliency**

This panel will discuss the best policy options and actions for the medium and long term that the international community, regional organisations and governments have to take to ensure food security for the most vulnerable households and market stability for ACP economies.

Panellists:

- *The EU response to the food crisis*
Philip Mikos, Head of Unit, Rural Development, DG Development, European Commission
- *Food price rises: is regional trade the answer?*
Dr Cris Muyunda Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
- *The role the private sector can play in responding to the food crisis impact in the poorest countries*
Dr Mike Bushell, Head of Jealott's Hill International Research Centre, Syngenta

Discussant: *Dr Hansjörg Neun, Director of CTA*

Conclusions : *Professor Eric Tollens (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), Mr Luca Alinovi (Senior Economist at FAO) and Dr Hansjörg Neun (Director of CTA)*

12h30-13h30 Networking Buffet Lunch