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THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

INVITATION

We are delighted to invite you to a high-level event co-hosted by the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group, FAO and CTA

14 July 2015 from 13:15 – 14:45 hours

Jupiter International Hotel (Kazanchis), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Light lunch will be served from 12:45-13:15

Investments and Agribusiness for Food and Nutrition Security Public and Private Sector Coordination

Opening remarks

Patrick Ignatius Gomes

Secreatry-General of the ACP Group of States

José Graziano da Silva

Director-General, FAO

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Tefera Derbew

Minister of Agriculture, Ethiopia

Roberto Ridolfi

Director, Sustainable Growth and Development,
DG Europaid, European Commission

Pim van Ballekom

Vice President, European Investment Bank

Pierre van Hedel

Managing Director, Rabobank Foundation

Andreas Proksch

Director General, Africa Department, GIZ

Moderator

Michael Hailu

Director of CTA

Resolving the challenges of achieving universal food and nutrition security in a sustainable manner requires significant and well-coordinated investments by the public sector, the private sector and civil society. This is well-recognized in both the 2002 Monterrey Consensus and the 2009 Doha Declaration, and is reflected in the more recent FAO Private Sector Strategy and the ACP/EU Private Sector Development Strategy. These hallmark initiatives highlight the critical importance of mobilizing domestic and international financial resources, leveraging international trade, and increasing international development cooperation to achieve sustainable development goals.

While there is consensus on the necessity for both public and private sector investments in the agri-food sector, the specific nature of these investments and how to better coordinate them to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security are still unanswered questions which the side event will seek to address. The side event will share best practices and identify priority areas for coordinated public-private investments in food value chain and food system development, with beneficial returns for small and medium agro-enterprises, the agri-food sector and the overall economy, including in policies, knowledge and technology, capacity development.

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