



Briefing n° 20
Beyond Aid: Financing agriculture in ACP countries

Wednesday 15th September 2010 – 8h30 – 13h00
European Commission, Building Borschette, - Rue Froissart, 36, Room 0D
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8h00-8h30 Registration
 8h30-8h45 Objectives and Programme: *Isolina Boto, Head, CTA Brussels Office*
 Introductory remarks: *Lluís Riera, Director DG development, European Commission;*
Hélène Fiagan, Expert, ACP Secretariat; Michael Hailu, Director of CTA

8h45-10h30 Panel 1: Aid targets and donor support for development

This session will review the key challenges for financing the agricultural sector and the major assistance mechanisms at global and EU level in support of the agricultural sector in ACP countries and the achievements realized so far.

Panellists:

- European donor support for agricultural development in Sub-Saharan Africa: a review
Professor Sir Gordon Conway, Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London
- US assistance to Sub-Saharan agricultural sector
Julie Howard, Executive Director, Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa
- The role of NEPAD-CAADP in increasing investment in agriculture
Dr. Marcel C. Nwalozie, Director West Africa Mission, NEPAD
- Halving Hunger: Still Possible? Building a rescue package to set the MDGs back on track
Luca Chinotti, Policy Advisor on Food Security and Climate Change, Oxfam

Chair: *H.E.M. Abdou A Barry, Ambassador of Niger*

10h30-10h45 Coffee break

10h45-13h00 Panel 2: Beyond Aid: new financing mechanisms

This panel will explore the potential for new or improved financing sources as well as the opportunity for new innovative sources of financing the agricultural sector.

Panellists:

- Taxation and Financing for Development
Gregory De Paepe, Policy Analyst Europe, Middle East and Africa Desk, OECD
- What perspectives for funding ACP agriculture?
Randiana Rakotomalala, Expert, Private Sector and Industry, African Development Bank
- The support of the EIB to the rural development sector in ACP countries
Dr Harald Jahn, Head of Division, SMEs and Agroindustry, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Opportunities in new Agribusiness
Rajesh Behal, Principal Investment Officer, Agribusiness Dept, IFC, The World Bank
- Public/private innovative partnerships: the case Agricultural Growth Corridors
Sean de Cleene, Vice President, Global Business Development & Public Affairs, YARA Investment Facility, European Investment Bank

Chair: *Ishmael Sunga, CEO, SACA*

Conclusions: *H.E. Patrick Gomes, Chair of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors and Ambassador of Guyana*

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