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Geopolitics of Food: implications for ACP countries**

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8h00-8h30 Registration
8h30-8h45 Introductory remarks by the organizers

Moderator: *Jean-Pierre Boris, Journalist, Commodities specialist, RFI*

8h45-10h30 Panel 1: New challenges in the global food system and ACP agricultures

Feeding the world is no longer just a question of increasing agricultural production and trade. In a globalised world, the global food system is becoming increasingly complex. The food, fuel and financial crises; the effects of climate change; the choice of global agricultural and trade policies -- all have an impact on the food production. What are the lessons learned and consequences for the ACP agriculture and what does the future hold for the most vulnerable farmers?

Panellists:

- Major challenges in the food system impacting ACP countries
Hans Herren, President of the Millennium Institute, co-chair, IAASTD
- Food insecurity and malnutrition: the result of political dysfunctions?
Sylvie Brunel, Professor of sustainable Development, Paris IV, Sorbonne
- What future for small-scale producers?
Jethro Greene, Chief Coordinator, Caribbean Farmer's Network (CaFAN)

10h15-10h30 Coffee break

10h30-12h30 Panel 2: What policy options and future governance to secure food for all?

In view of all these challenges, what will be future farming systems specifically in ACP countries? What policy actions and changes could promote food security and resilient food systems that generate growth in the poorest countries while protecting and empowering small-scale farmers?

Panellists:

- New forms of food governance: towards a new global architecture?
Olivier de Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food
- Greater transparency for a better management of agricultural price volatility
Hafez Ghanem, Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development Department, FAO
- Regional agricultural governance and owned development
Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD
- World food security and international trade: can global trade policies work for poor farmers?
Doaa Abdel Motaal, Counsellor, Agricultural and Environmental issues, Office of the DG, WTO

Conclusions

Networking Lunch