

# BRIEFING SESSION N° 19: Youth and rural development in ACP countries

16<sup>th</sup> June 2010, 08:30 – 13:00

Returned Evaluation forms: 45 (38 English and 7 French), out of 93 participants (64%)  
(35.5% of the participants did not state any organization)

## ORGANISATIONS WHICH IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES: 16/62

Embassies and Permanent Representations: 3  
European Commission: 2  
Other International Organisations: 4  
NGOs: 1  
Academic: 2  
Ministry: 1  
Consultancies: 3

## ANSWERS:

2. **Do you consider useful to have regular Briefings to sensitize Brussels-based policy-makers on key ACP rural development issues? 43 answers**  
Yes: 100%                      No: 0%
  
3. **How did you appreciate the general organisation of the briefing? 45 answers**  
Excellent: (21) 46.6%                      Very good: (19) 42%  
Good: (5) 11%                      Weak: (0) 0%
  
4. **Are you satisfied with the documentation (online and distributed at the meeting)? 45 answers**  
Very Satisfied: (35) 78 %              Fairly satisfied: (9) 20%              Not satisfied: (0) 0%  
Not experienced (1) (?)
  - Just one document was missing ( 1 speaker of panel 2)
  
5. **Did this Briefing meet your expectations? 45 answers**  
Yes: (34) 76%                      No: (1) 2%                      Partially: (10) 22%

## Comments:

- Les briefings devraient aussi être organisés par les acteurs locaux dans les pays ou le CTA œuvre
- Beaucoup de discussions et présentations sur les faits, mais peu pas de tout de propositions sur les solutions
- Would have appreciated greater emphasis on how to relate the topic to food security
- Very interesting topic and grassroots examples
- Addressed the issue affecting rural youth
- Thanks!

- It s been very interesting
- Good presentations and good timing
- Very good presentations which complemented the others
- Presentations were too much about promoting the own organisations instead of debating the problems that young face in ACP countries
- Faute des jeunes qui présentent eux -mêmes leurs idées

#### **6. Where did you hear about the Brussels Development Briefings? 43 answers**

CTA Newsletter: (6) 14%  
 Brussels Development Briefings Blog: (4) 9%  
 Invitation: (20) 47%  
 Colleagues: (11) 26%  
 Other: (Concord, other newsletter) (2) 4. %

#### **7. Organisation: 45 answers**

##### **Logistics**

**Very good: (27) 60%    Good: (17) 38%    Acceptable: (1) 2%    Poor: (0) 0%**

#### **8. Programme and content**

##### ➤ **Have the discussions been useful for your work? 45 answers**

**Very good: (13) 29%    Good: (25) 55.5%    Acceptable: (7) 15.5%    Poor: (0) 0%**

##### **Comments:**

- Not many practical examples
- Broad coverage of issues
- Les discussions ont été bonnes

##### ➤ **How did you find the presentations? 45 answers**

**Interesting: (24) 53.33%    Mixed: (20) 44.44%:    Not interesting: (1) 2.22%**

##### **Comments:**

- Interesting questions raised
- European young farmers' experience is remote from Africa's concerns and complexities

##### ➤ **Did you feel the various perspectives/actors were represented and debated as necessary? 43 answers**

**Well: (10) 23.25%    Adequate: (27) 62.79 %    Insufficiently: (6) 13.8%**

##### **Comments:**

- Need to go deeper at the grassroots
- Too many speakers talked in behalf of youth
- It would be interesting the next time to bring people with different opinions
- Link to trade/EPA impacts
- Women are important actors in rural areas. On the panel were not so many women and panellists quite aged



- Provide more information on how to access the different technical assistance and capacity building activities
- Summaries to be published in Spore
- A briefing on rural women
- Capacity building of rural youth
- Organisation of regional meetings in collaboration with different Ministries, farmers associations with emphasis on young farmers
- Raise donor awareness for youth involvement in agriculture
- Une conférence des jeunes UE/ACP

**12. Have you used the online material at <http://brusselsbriefings.net>? 41 answers**

**Yes: (31) 76%**

**No: (10) 24%**

**13. Other remarks and suggestions:**

- Bio- industry
- Le rôle des femmes dans la problématique de l agriculture
- More time for discussions and less for presentations
- More ACP views needed
- Importance of rural institutions. Child labour
- Innovation transfer as a toll to accelerate progress in rural development in ACP countries
- Urban agriculture and land planning
- Rural development in ACP countries: linking agriculture to tourism
- Can the Diaspora play a role in the agriculture development of ACP?.Influence policy makers through foresight studies
- Entrepreneuriat et développement
- Foreign investment in Agriculture
- Putt all documents in a CD
- Thanks