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Hunger is a political issue rather than an agricultural issue

A wide range of factors influence agricultural production and food supply of the poor in ACP countries. These include climate change, energy security, population growth, migration, urbanization, and water scarcity among others. During the “Brussels Briefing on Geopolitics of Food” on February 2nd, 2011, the Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), DG DEVCO of the European Commission the ACP Secretariat, CONCORD, and other partners brings together policy experts and academics to talk about these factors in two panels on worldwide food security.

In the first panel at 8.45 a.m., participants talk about new challenges in the global food system and in ACP agricultures (90 minutes). The panel is moderated by development journalist Jean-Pierre Boris (Radio France Internationale) and will feature experts from the intergovernmental research panel IAASTD, the university Paris Sorbonne and the Caribbean Farmers’ Network (CaFAN).

The second panel at 10.30 a.m. deals with global policy options and future governance to secure food for all (120 minutes). Panelists include the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food, as well as experts from the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the development program of the African Union (NEPAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The briefing takes places at the Charlemagne Building of the European Commission. For those who are interested in the briefing but unable to come in person, the Commission will provide a webcast in English and French at <http://bit.ly/gwJPZz>. The webstream will also be accessible through <http://brusselsbriefings.net>, where you can find all relevant background information about the event.

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