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Agricultural Resilience in the Face of Crises and Shocks

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Organised by CTA, EC/DECVO, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), ACP Secretariat, Concord and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

8h00-8h45 Registration and welcome coffee

8h45-9h30 Introduction and Opening of the Briefing : *Isolina Boto, Manager, CTA Brussels Office*

Introductory remarks: *Staffan Nilsson, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC); Achille Bassilekin III, Assistant Secretary-General for Sustainable Development, ACP Secretariat; Rajul Pandya-Lorch, Head of 2020 Initiative, IFPRI; Denis Salord, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes Sub-Saharan Africa and ACP wide, European Commission, Michael Hailu, Director of CTA*

Special guest: *Conducive policies in support of resilience
Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Nigeria*

9h30-11h00 Panel 1: Approaches and instruments for building resilience in agriculture

This panel will provide an overview of the key concepts, challenges and opportunities in building a resilient agricultural system in ACP countries.

Chair: *Thijs Berman, Member of the Development Committee, European Parliament*

Panellists:

- Agricultural resilience -- what we know and what we need to know
Sir Gordon Conway, Professor of International Development, Imperial College London
- Promoting Resilient Livelihoods
Thierry Kesteloot, Policy Advisor, Oxfam-Solidarité
- The EU approach to resilience: learning from food security crises
Philippe Thomas, Head of sector, Food Crisis, DG DEVCO, European Commission
- Building resilience in countries in protracted crises
Dominique Burgeon, Director of Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division, FAO

11h00-11h15 Coffee Break

11h15-13h00 Panel 2: Proven successes in building resilience

This panel will present proven actions in building resilience along with lessons learned and best practices to decrease the vulnerability of agricultural systems and improve their resilience to both predictable and unexpected stresses and shocks.

Chair: *H.E. Samuel Otsile Outlule, Chair of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors*

Panellists:

- Enhancing resilience in the Horn of Africa
Jean-François Maystadt, Researcher, IFPRI
- Resilience-building in the Sahel: Regreening the Sahel
Chris Reij, SLM specialist, Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute
- Drought-resilient crops and resilience systems of benefit to small-scale farmers
Girma Tesfahun Kassie, Researcher Socioeconomics Programme, CIMMYT, Zimbabwe
- Building community resilience: Namibia Red Cross approaches and successes
Kingsley Kwenani, Disaster Management Manager, Namibia Red Cross Society

Concluding remarks

Networking lunch and 30th Anniversary celebration