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Global food systems, local impact: the role of agribusiness and development partnerships in advancing African agriculture

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Programme

8h00-8h45 Registration

9h00-9h15 Introduction and Opening of the Briefing: *Isolina Boto, Manager, CTA Brussels Office*

Introductory remarks: *Achille Bassilekin, Assistant Secretary-General Sustainable Economic Development, ACP Secretariat; Monique Pariat, Deputy Director-General, DG Agriculture & Rural Development, European Commission; Andreas Hartmann, Head of Division for Development Policy, Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the EU in Brussels; Michael Hailu Director of CTA*

9h15-11h00 Panel 1: Setting the scene: agribusiness and PPPs in Africa

This panel will review sharing of experiences and lessons learned from public-private partnerships (PPPs) and multi-stakeholder alliances that aim at accelerating investments and transformative change in African agriculture based on national and regional agricultural and trade priorities.

Panelists:

- Overview of agribusiness in Africa: trends, new opportunities & alternative investment models
Hafiz Mirza, Chief, Investment Issues Section, UNCTAD
- EU Development Cooperation models with the private sector: An overview
Wilhelm Elfring, Consultant to the EU-working group private sector development in agriculture
- Agribusiness in Africa: following in Malabo's engagements
Komla Bissi, CAADP Pillar II Adviser, DREA, African Union Commission
- Main financing mechanisms which strengthen local/regional production and trade
Heike Rüttgers, Head of Division Portfolio Management & Policy ACP, Investment Facility, European Investment Bank
- Increased role for farmer's organizations on agribusiness and PPPs
Theo de Jager, President, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)

11h00-11h15 Coffee break

11h15-13h00 Panel 2: Scaling up successes through transformative partnerships

This panel will look at specific examples of inclusive business models in specific sectors and value chains where significant successes have happened and analysis of drivers of success

Panelists:

- Inclusive partnerships to be scaled up in *post-2015 agenda*
Eugenia Serova, Director, Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, FAO
- Innovative platform to advance agribusiness in the development of African agriculture
Henri A. Minnaar, Senior Programme Advisor: NEPAD Business Foundation, Agriculture & Food Security Programme
- Successes from the African private sector in the development of agribusiness
Daniel Gad, Managing Director, Omega Farms & Ethiopian Horticulture Co-operative
- Linking agribusiness and supporting sustainable development partnerships in Africa
Martin Märkl, Senior Sustainable Development Manager, BayerCropScience
- PPPs: Upscaling agribusiness successes in Africa
Karl Schebesta, Chief, UNIDO Agrif-busines Development Unit

Conclusion: *Jean-Pierre Halkin, Head of Unit DEVCO/C1, EuropeAid, European Commission, Michael Hailu Director of CTA*

Networking Lunch