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Agriculture as an engine of economic reconstruction and development in fragile countries

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ACP Secretariat, Avenue Georges Henri 451, 1200 Brussels
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Programme

08h00-09h00 Registration
09h00-09h15 Introduction to the Briefing

Introductory remarks: *Viwanou Gnassounou, Assistant-Secretary-General, ACP Secretariat; Leonard Mizzi, Acting Director Devco C, Planet and Prosperity and Head of Unit Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition, Europeaid, European Commission; Michael Hailu, Director, CTA*

09h15-11h00 Panel 1: Fragility and its implications for agriculture

This panel will share concepts and approaches to fragility, lessons learned from selected countries and the implications for the agricultural sector and the rural communities.

Panellists:

- What have we learned about fragile states: challenges and opportunities
Professor James Putzel, Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
- Linking farmers to markets and the impact on local growth and employment
Ananth Raj, World Food Programme
- Investments in Agricultural private sector in conflict-affected or post-conflict countries
Alexandros Ragoussis, Economist, Thought Leadership, Economics and Private Sector Development, IFC, World Bank Group

11h00-11h15 Coffee Break

11h15-13h00 Panel 2: Successful practices in agriculture in fragile countries

This panel will share successes from the field from selected fragile countries highlighting sustainable practices in production and market development and positive impact at local level.

Panellists:

- Urban agriculture: business for young entrepreneurs?
Annick Sezibera, Executive Secretary, CAPAD, Burundi
- *Somalia*
- *RDC*
- *South Sudan*

Closing remarks

13h00 Light Lunch