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

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Programme

08h00-09h00 Registration

09h00-09h15 Introduction to the Briefing: *Isolina Boto, Manager, CTA Brussels Office*

Introductory remarks: *Viwanou Gnassounou, Assistant-Secretary-General, ACP Secretariat; Bernard Rey, Deputy Head of Unit, Devco 1C, 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
James Putzel, Dept International Development, London School of Economics, UK
- Agriculture as a way to bridge the humanitarian–development–peace divide in fragile contexts
Rajendra K. Aryal, Senior Programme Advisor, Resilience Building, FAO
- 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:

- Connecting farmers to markets in fragile countries : Successes and lessons learned
Bing Zhao, P4P Director and Global Coordinator, World Food Programme
- Farmers' Organisations: a social and economic force in a context of chronic instability
Annick Sezibera, Executive Secretary, CAPAD, Burundi
- Disaster Risk Reduction and resilience building: the case of South Sudan
Harma Rademaker, Programme Manager, Cordaid, The Netherlands
- Building resilience to mitigate the effects of future shocks in the agricultural sector in Somalia
Katharine Downie, Head, Data Quality Assurance, M&E & Innovation, Worldvision, Somalia

Closing remarks

13h00 Light Lunch