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The next generation of farmers: successes and new opportunities
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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; Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit Rural Development, Food Security, Nutrition, Europeaid, European Commission; Michael Hailu, Director, CTA

09h15-11h00 Panel 1: What is required to support the next generation of farmers?
This panel will provide an overview of what policies and actions are required to support the next generation of farmers to increase productivity, better access to remunerative markets and increased use of technology.
Panellists:
- Key challenges and opportunities for the next generation of farmers
  Débisi Àràbà, Director, Africa Region, International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)
- Successes of the CAP and lessons learned for the ACP
  Iman Boot, Senior Expert, Directorate for Agriculture, European Commission
- Africa’s development trajectory in the evolving global context
  Thang Nguyen-Quoc, Policy Analyst, Africa Unit, OECD Development Centre
- Connecting farmers to markets in Africa
  Jannes Maes, President of the European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA)
- Update and way forward on AGRI/DEVCO Taskforce for Rural Africa
  Tom Arnold, Chairman, TFRA

11h00-11h15 Coffee Break

11h15-13h00 Panel 2: Lessons learned from successes in farming across ACP and EU regions
This panel will discuss best practices across the ACP on policies, markets and technologies.
Panellists:
- Best practices and successes of women farmers in Europe
  Lotta Folkesson, Chair, Women Committee, COPA
- Connecting production to growing markets in value added agri-food chains
  Akin Sawyerr, Co-founder, Agric Fresh Produce Growers& Exporters Association, Nigeria
- Promoting quality schemes: the case of Jamaica Jerk GI
  Winston Stona, Associated Manufacturers Limited, Jamaica
- New opportunities for innovative agribusiness in branded food products
  Jennifer Bash, Founder & CEO, Alaska, Tanzania

Closing remarks

13h00 Light Lunch