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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  
*Débísi 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**