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Smallholder agriculture: key to food security/nutrition and sustainable food systems

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Wednesday 11th September 2019, 9h00-13h00

ACP Secretariat, 451 Avenue Georges-Henri, 1200 Brussels, Room C

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PROGRAMME

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

Introductory remarks: *Olusola Ojo, Expert, Rural Development, Food Security and the Environment, ACP Secretariat; Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, Devco C1, Food Security, Nutrition, Europeaid, European Commission; Michael Hailu, Director, CTA.*

09h15-11h00 **Panel 1: Contribution of smallholder agriculture to food and nutrition security and sustainable food systems**

This panel will discuss how smallholder agriculture contributes to sustainable food systems and what are the main strengths and challenges they face. It will share views on the framework, challenges and opportunities for a more smallholder supportive approach.

Chair: *Ishmael Sunga, CEO, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)*

Panelists:

- Smallholder agriculture: strengths and challenges, evolution and recent trends
Jan Douwe van der Ploeg, Professor, Dept Social Sciences, Wageningen University
- Small farmers and global food governance
Nora Mc Keon, Professor, Rome 3 University, Italy
- The UN Decade of Family Farming (2019-2028) and the prospects for smallholders
Roberto Ridolfi, Assistant Director-General, Support & Technical Cooperation, FAO
- Creating livelihoods for rural youth in rural economies
Elizabeth Nsimadala, President of PAFO and EAFF

11h00-11h15 **Coffee Break**

11h15-13h00 **Panel 2: Successes from smallholder agriculture and lessons learned**

This panel will present some successes from smallholder agriculture across ACP regions, the drivers of success and will share lessons learned from some sustainable models.

Chair: *Fatma Ben Rejeb, CEO, Panafrican Farmers Federation (PAFO)*

Panelists:

- Successes in funding mechanisms to support smallholders farming
Marco Dekker, MERL Manager STARS Program, ICCO
- Supporting territorial markets and smallholder capacity to meet urban food demand
Mamadou Goita, Executive Director, IRPAD
- Supporting innovations and promoting funding opportunities for smallholders
Kola Masha, Managing Partner of Babban Gona, Nigeria
- Successes by organized women smallholders
Annick Sezibera, Executive Secretary, CAPAD, Burundi

Closing remarks

13h00 Light Lunch