The German Marshall Fund of the United States and the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) are pleased to invite you to

TRANSATLANTIC APPROACHES TO BIOFUELS, PART III
A luncheon discussion on
Transatlantic Biofuels Policies –
What’s in it for Developing Countries?
With
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Moderated by Charlotte Hebebrand
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Biofuels, it is claimed, offer a promising alternative to fossil fuels, and nations around the globe are setting up regulatory frameworks for the promotion of the industry. International trade in biofuels is still quite limited, but given favorable conditions, could prove beneficial for developed and developing nations alike. However, developing country governments have more limited public means to support the development of their biofuels industries, and will therefore be more dependent on private investment. This investment will, in turn, be attracted by the prospect of export opportunities. Trade policies will, therefore, be critical, but considerable tariffs and other barriers currently stand in the way of a healthy global trade in biofuels. Efficiency considerations would indicate that feedstock and biofuel production should take place in countries with favorable climatic conditions, low labor costs and sufficient land availability. However, there are also growing concerns about the environmental impacts of increased feedstock production, with accompanying calls for standards and certification of sustainable biofuels production.

This luncheon discussion—the third in a series—will examine U.S. and EU policies in biofuels and the role being envisaged for trade in biofuels and feedstocks on both sides of the Atlantic. Carol Goodloe, Senior USDA Economist, and Andreas Kramer, Director of Ecologic, will outline present trade policies and goals for the U.S. and EU, respectively. Klaus Schumacher, Head of the Economics Department at Toepfer International, will speak on global biofuels investments and their impact on the production and trade of grains and oilseeds. Sergio Trindade, expert in Brazilian ethanol and Indonesian palm oil trade, will discuss plans for Brazilian and Indonesian production and exports of biofuels and feedstock, and Barbara Bramble of the National Wildlife Federation will discuss increasing calls for international standards for sustainable feedstock and biofuels production.

We hope you will be able to join us for this timely discussion

Where? The German Marshall Fund
1700 18th St., NW, Washington, D.C.

When? 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2007
Lunch will be served.

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