

AGENDA

Achieving Agricultural Development through Agricultural Trade

An IPC Capacity and Communication Building Seminar

29 February, 2004

Sandton Convention Center, Ballroom 4

Johannesburg, South Africa

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| Registration: | | |
| 9:30-10:00 | | |
| Opening Remarks: | | |
| 10:00 –10:30 | | Dirk du Toit , Deputy Minister of Agriculture, South Africa |
| Session One: | What Do Developing Countries Need From Trade Negotiations? | |
| 10:30 – 11:40 | | <p>In this session, speakers will discuss the key outcomes that developing country agricultural interests should be pushing their governments to achieve in trade negotiations. Speakers will also consider what policies developing country agricultural interests should ask their governments to implement to create an environment that would enable them to take advantage of the opportunities presented by more open trade.</p> <p>Robert L. Thompson, IPC Chairman and Former Director of Rural Development, World Bank Percy Wachata Misika, Minister Counsellor, Agriculture, Embassy of Namibia in Paris Michel Petit, Professor Institut National Agronomique, France and Former Director of Rural Development, World Bank Ajay Vashee, President, Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Producers - invited</p> |
| Session Two: | Being Heard: Integrating Agriculture's Views into Trade Policy Making | |
| 11:50 – 13:00 | | <p>In this session, panelists will discuss how the needs of the agricultural community can best be communicated to those responsible for trade policy.</p> <p>Mike Gifford, Former Trade Negotiator, Canada Nicholas Sabwa, Former Trade Negotiator, Kenya Hans van der Merwe, CEO Agri SA Rodger Stewart, President, World Association of Beet and Cane Growers</p> |
| Lunch | | |
| 13:00 – 14:10 | | |
| Session Three: | Regional Trade Agreements: Promise and Opportunity | |
| 14:10 – 15:20 | | <p>In this session, speakers will discuss the key outcomes that developing country agricultural interests should be pushing their governments to achieve in regional trade negotiations. Speakers will also consider the overall costs and benefits of further regional integration, its ability to create more opportunities for agricultural trade and its implications for multilateral trade negotiations.</p> <p>Erastus Mwencha, Secretary General, COMESA Nicholas Sabwa, Former Trade Negotiator, Kenya Philip Kiriro, Vice President, International Federation of Agricultural Producers - invited</p> |

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| <p>Session Four: 15:30 – 16:40</p> | <p>The Doha Development Agenda: How Does the Derbez Text Measure Up?</p> <p>In Session Four, panelists will analyze the Derbez Text's strengths and weaknesses from their particular perspective. The IPC will present its recommendations for improving the Derbez text in this session.</p> <p><i>Mike Gifford, Former Trade Negotiator, Canada</i> <i>Michael MacDonald, Head of Economics, SEIFSA</i> <i>M. Ann Tutwiler, Chief Executive, International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council</i> <i>David Vanzetti, Trade Analysis Branch, UNCTAD</i></p> |
| <p>Session Five: 16:50 – 18:00</p> | <p>What Can Doha Deliver? Political Constraints and Opportunities</p> <p>In this session, panelists will give frank estimations of some reasonable outcomes of the Doha Round agricultural negotiations given the political realities driving the process. Panelists will inform participants about the challenges that decision makers are facing and discuss where opportunities for compromise may exist.</p> <p><i>The WTO: Ricardo Melendez, International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)</i> <i>The European Union: Michel Petit, Professor Institut National Agronomique, France and Former Director of Rural Development, World Bank</i> <i>The United States: M. Ann Tutwiler, Chief Executive, International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC)</i></p> |

Seminar will be conducted in English only.