



Food & Environmental Security: the role of food and agricultural trade policy

Salzburg, Austria - May 10-11, 2009
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Based on a clear understanding of the food security and climate change challenges on the one hand and the role of trade on the other hand, participants will arrive at pragmatic recommendations for trade policies and for the international food and agricultural trade system.

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The IPC convenes high-ranking government officials, farm leaders, agribusiness executives and agricultural trade experts from around the world and throughout the food chain to build consensus on practical solutions to food and agricultural trade problems



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Session Details:

Session I: Food Security: Competing Claims on Land and Water

Water and arable land remain key factors in food production but there are serious concerns about the availability of both. What will be the distribution of arable land and water in 2050, when the world's population is expected to reach 9 billion? What lies ahead for agricultural production and trade?

Climate change has already increased climatic variability and is expected to have a dramatic impact on the agricultural sector, in particular in tropical zone developing countries. Does food and agricultural trade have a role to play with regard to both mitigation and adaptation to climate change?

SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 10

18h30-20h00

Opening Reception and Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Pascal Lamy, WTO Director General

Monday, May 11

8h30

Registration and coffee

9h00

Welcome: Carlo Trojan, Former Ambassador of the European Union to the WTO and former Secretary-General of the European Commission, IPC Chairperson

9h15-9h45

The Honorable Niki Berlakovich, Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

"Austria's Perspective on Climate Change, Agriculture and Trade"

9h45-12h00

Session I: Food Security: Competing Claims on Land and Water

Speakers:

- Joachim von Braun, Director General IFPRI, IPC Member
- Prof. John Anthony Allan, Kings College
- Sarah Hull, Head, Global Public and Government Affairs, Syngenta International, AG

Moderator:

- Robert Thompson, Agricultural Policy Chair, University of Illinois, IPC Member

12h00-13h30

Lunch



SCHEDULE Cont.

Session Details:

Session II: Adapting National and Regional Policies to New Challenges

The CAP health check signaled the need for European agricultural and rural development policy to address four emerging challenges: climate change, risk management, biodiversity and water management. How should a post-2013 CAP address these? How are other regions planning ahead?

Session III: Adapting the International Trade Regime to New Challenges

How should the international trade regime respond to the challenges ahead? How can trading partners reach consensus, and how can they move ahead?

13h30-15h30

Session II: Adapting National and Regional Policies to New Challenges

Speakers:

- The Honorable Mariann Fischer Boel, EU Agricultural Commissioner
- Namanga Ngongi, President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
- Taha A. Alshareef, Assistant DG Foreign Trade in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Saudi Arabia; Dr. Abdullah Al-Obaid, Deputy Minister for Research and Development Affairs for the Ministry of Agriculture, Saudi Arabia

Moderator:

- Franz Fischler, former EU Agricultural Commissioner, IPC Member

15h30-15h45

Coffee Break

15h45-17h45

Session III: Adapting the International Trade Regime to New Challenges

Speakers:

- The Honorable Tim Groser, Trade Minister and Associate Minister for Climate Change Issues, New Zealand
- Carlos Perez del Castillo, former Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the WTO, IPC Member
- Raul Montemayor, President, Philippine Federation of Free Farmers Cooperatives, IPC Member

Moderator:

- Michel Petit, Institute Agronomique Méditerranéen, IPC Member

19h00

Dinner