

## International Conference

« Dialogue between Europe and its Southern partners  
on agricultural research and climate change »

Brussels, 16-17 December 2009 / Agenda

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009

&gt; Charlemagne Building, 170 Rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels

## 6.30 pm: Debate on: « Climate change: a world challenge for agricultural research? »

illustrated by a clip of "Home" (a film by Yann Arthus-Bertrand).

- **Professor Sir Gordon Conway**, Professor of International Development at London Imperial College.
- **Dr Ramadjita Tabo**, Nobel Peace Prize, Deputy Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA).
- Facilitated by: **Mr Tim Hall**, DG Research, Head of Unit Agriculture, Forests, Fisheries, Aquaculture, European Commission.

## 8.00 pm: Cocktail

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08.30 – 09.00: Welcome coffee

## 09.00 – 09.30: OPENING SESSION

- **Mrs Maive Rute**, Director, Directorate "Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food", DG Research, European Commission.
- **Mr Marc Debois**, EIARD Vice-Chair, Head of Sector, Directorate B «Sustainable management of natural resources», DG Development, European Commission.
- **Mr Gérard Matheron**, Director General, Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement, CIRAD, Coordinator ERA-ARD.
- **Mr Hussein Salifou**, Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner Agriculture, Environment and Water resources, Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS).

## 09.30 – 10.30: SESSION I:

## What scientific and partenarial challenges for agricultural research to adapt agriculture to climate change and to mitigate the effects?

- **President: Nerlie Manalili** Chair, Southern Advisory Group of ERA-ARD.

## I.1: Which scientific challenges for agricultural research in addressing climate change?

- by **Prof. Holger Meinke**, Professor and Head, Centre for Crop Systems, Wageningen University.

## I.2: Why a partnership between Europe and its Southern countries on agricultural research and climate change?

- by **Dr Ramadjita Tabo**, Nobel Peace Prize, Deputy Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA).

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee break

## 11.00 – 12.00: SESSION II:

## How does Europe contribute?

- **President: Mr Mike Collins**, Science Strategy and International Division, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

## II.1: Report of the SCAR Collaborative Working Group on Climate Change

- by **Mrs Inés Minguez-Tuleda**, Research Vice-Chancellor Deputy, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid.

## II.2: Report of EIARD "Climate change and ARD policy review: lessons from Africa"

- by **Dr. Sabine Gundel**, IIED consultant, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

## II.3: The European Joint Programming Initiative on "Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change"

- by **Dr Jean-François Soussana**, Director, Agronomy Unit, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), and **Dr Michael Dingkuhn**, Head of Agro-ecological adaptation and varietal innovation unit, Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD).

## 12.00 – 13.00: DEBATE:

## What are the priorities for Agricultural research and climate change?

- **Facilitator: Mr Eduardo Assad**, Senior Researcher - Agroclimatologist, Coordinator of Climate Change Research Programme, Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (EMBRAPA).

## 13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

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**14.00-15.30: SESSION III:****Regional research priorities and expectations from a partnership with Europe**

Expected results:

- > recommendations for priority research themes in agricultural research under climatic constraints
- > recommendations for partnerships with Europe

**III.1: Workshop 1: AFRICA**

- **Facilitator: Mr Daan du Toit**, Minister Counsellor (Science and Technology): South African Mission to the European Union.

Debate introduced by:

- **Dr Hubert N'Djafa Ouaga**, Regional Centre AGRYMET of the Comité Permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel (CILSS).

**III.2: Workshop 2: ASIA**

- **Facilitator: Dr Herminia A. Francisco**, Director, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA).

Debate introduced by:

- **Professor Sudip K. Rakshit**, Vice-President for Research, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT).

**III.3: Workshop 3: LATIN AMERICA**

- **Facilitator: Mr Mario Allegri**, President of Foro de las Américas para la investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico Agropecuario (FORAGRO).

Debate introduced by:

- **Mr Bastiaan Louman**, Leader of the Climate Change Programme, Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (CATIE).

**III.4: Workshop 4: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION**

- **Facilitator: Dr Mahmoud Solh**, Director General, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA).

Debate introduced by:

- **Mr Ibrahim Hamdan**, Executive Secretary, Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA).

**15.30 – 16.00:** Coffee break**16.00 – 17.00: Presentation of the results of the regional workshops**

- **Chair: Mr Sander Van Opstal**, Coordinator, ERA-ARD II.

**17.00 – 17.30 : CLOSING SESSION**

- **Mr Luis Riera Figueiras**, DG Development, Director of Directorate B «Development policy : Thematic issues» European Commission.
- **Professor Sir Gordon Conway**, Professor of International Development at London Imperial College.
- **Dr Ramadjita Tabo**, Nobel Peace Prize, Deputy Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA).
- **Mrs Marion Guillou**, Chief Executive Officer, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA).



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