

**South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable Agriculture
Development and Food Security in Developing Countries
14 - 16 December 2009**

Programme Timetable

Monday, 14th December

Opening Session 10:00-11:30

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary General of UNCTAD

Amb. Johannes J. Spies, Director, Directorate of Economic Affairs and Regional Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, South Africa

Ms. America Bastidas Castañeda, Vice Minister for International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Development, Dominican Republic

Session 1: 11:30-13:00

From crisis to security: The role of international cooperation in bolstering sustainable agriculture

Rethinking food security policy, Ms. Anuradha Mittal, Executive Director Oakland Institute, USA

A new approach to deal with the global food crisis, Mr. Philipp Aerni, Senior Researcher, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich

Discussant: Amb. Manzoor Ahmad, Director, FAO Liaison Office, Geneva

Session 2: 15:00-18:00

Strengthening sustainable productivity in agriculture through South-South cooperation

Maximizing opportunities for sustainable agriculture development and related policies and strategies, Ms. Sophia Twarog, Economic Affairs Officer, Trade, Environment and Development Branch, UNCTAD/DITC

Public and private sector south-south cooperation to enhance organic agriculture productivity, particularly in Africa, Mr. Moses Muwanga, CEO, National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU), Kampala

Strengthening collaborative research and development in the agricultural sector, Mr. Antonio Carlos do Prado, Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa), Brasilia

South south cooperation in the coffee sector, Mr. Morten Scholer, International Trade Centre.

Reception: Escargot Bar (3rd Floor, E building) 18:00 - 19.30

Tuesday, 15th December

Session 3: 10:00-13:00

Leveraging Opportunities for South-South trade in agriculture

Addressing Opportunities and Challenges in market access and market entry conditions for South-South trade in agriculture, Ms. Aileen Kwa, Coordinator of the Trade and Development Programme, South Centre, Geneva

Enhancing South-South trade financing and trade-related infrastructure for agriculture, Mr. Jean Louis Ekra, President, African Import-Export Bank, Cairo, Egypt

Improving logistics for trade through the South-South and triangular cooperation (Mr. Takashi Tsuchiya, Director-General, Trade and Economic Cooperation Department, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO))

Discussant: Mr. Talaat Abdel-Malek, Economic Adviser to the Minister of International Co-operation of Egypt, Cairo & Co-Chair, OECD/DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness

Session 4: 15:00-18:00

The Potential of South-South Investment for Agricultural and Economic Development

South-South investment in agriculture: the experience of Latin America, Mr. Rafael Trejos, Director, Technical Leadership and Knowledge Management, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, Costa Rica

South-South business linkages through contract farming: the experience of Olam International, Mr. Christopher Brett, Senior Vice President, Olam Europe Limited, London, UK

New Southern investors in agriculture: drivers, issues and policy implications, Mr. Giacomo Luciani, Director, Gulf Research Centre Foundation, Geneva

Discussants: Mr. Shiro Konuma, Permanent Mission of Japan Geneva; Mr. Obai A. Taylor-Kamara, Director of South-South Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Sierra Leone

Wednesday, 16th December

Session 5: Making the case for increased aid for triangular and South-South Cooperation for agricultural development

Challenges and opportunities in Triangular Cooperation: Japan`s Experience, (Mr. Mr. Yoshitaka Sumi, Deputy Director General, Japanese International Cooperation Agency, (JICA)

Aid to agriculture: promises made and realities on the ground, Mr. Eric Hazard, Regional Economic Justice Campaign Manager, Oxfam International, Dakar, Senegal

South-South Cooperation between Benin, Bhutan and Costa Rica, Ms. Marianella Feoli, General Manager, Programme for South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development, Costa Rica

Lunchtime Presentation: The Coalition for African Rice Development (JICA)

Session 6: 15:00-18:00

The Way Forward

Mr.. Supachai Panichpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Mr. David Nabarro, UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Food Security and Nutrition (by video link)

Mr. Joseph Schmidhuber, Senior Economist and Head of Global Perspective Studies Unit, FAO Liaison Office, Geneva

Representatives from UN units and programmes working on south-south cooperation