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**Interactive discussion on African food security
"The lessons from the recent global crisis"**



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Dr. David Nabarro serves as a UN Assistant Secretary General with the position of Senior UN System Coordinator for Avian and Human Influenza, reporting to the UN Deputy Secretary-General, on secondment from the World Health Organization (WHO) since September 2005. On April 29th 2008 he was given an additional responsibility as Deputy UN system Coordinator for the Global Food Security Crisis by the UN Secretary General.

A physician and public health specialist, Dr. Nabarro has worked in the UK National Health Service, taught at the London and Liverpool Schools Tropical Medicine, worked in child health programmes in Nepal, served as regional manager for the UK Save the Children Fund in South Asia and in 1989 served as health and population adviser to the British Overseas Development Administration (ODA) in Nairobi, Kenya.

In 1990 David Nabarro moved to London as ODA's Chief Health and Population Adviser and was promoted to the position of Director for Human Development in the Department for International Development (DFID) in 1997. In 1999 he joined WHO to manage the Roll Back Malaria project. In 2000 he became Executive Director in the Office of the Director-General. He transferred to WHO's Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments cluster in 2003. He was then appointed Representative of the Director General for Health Action in Crises, coordinating support for health assessments and aspects of crises preparedness, response and

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