

AGENDA

Agricultural Development and Poverty Reduction in Africa

12-13 November 2007

**Sala Biblioteca of CNEL (Consiglio Nazionale dell'Economia e del Lavoro)
Viale David Lubin, 2, Rome**

**A joint OECD, IFAD, FAO, World Bank
Global Forum on Agriculture**



This Forum is hosted by the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance



These four major international organisations are jointly holding a forum on African agricultural development and poverty reduction. This event is hosted by the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance. The objectives are to disseminate and broaden the impact of new analytical work and to share reflections and deepen understanding on a number of constraints and policy issues of importance to the agricultural sector.

The Forum is timed to coincide with the release of World Bank's 2008 *World Development Report*, and newly available analysis from OECD, IFAD and FAO. Reactions to this work from African and international experts and open discussions with all participants will be key features of the Forum.

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Chairman: Neil Fraser, New Zealand

12 November 2007	
08:15-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:20	<p><i>Opening and Welcome</i></p> <p>Hon. Pier Paolo Cento, Undersecretary of State, Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance (<i>Global Forum Host</i>)</p> <p>Pier Carlo Padoan, <i>Deputy Secretary General, OECD</i></p>
<p><u>SESSION I: Setting the Stage</u></p> <p>This session will assess agriculture as an effective instrument for economic development in Africa and its role in poverty reduction.</p>	
09:20-10:50	<p><i>The 2008 World Development Report: Messages for Africa</i></p> <p>Derek Byerlee, <i>Rural Policy and Strategy Adviser</i>; Kym Anderson, <i>Lead Economist, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
10:50-12:00	<p><i>African Agriculture and Poverty Reduction</i></p> <p>Prabhu Pingali, <i>Director, Agricultural and Development Economics Division, FAO</i></p> <p>Steven Were Omamo, <i>Chief of PDPS, UN World Food Programme</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
12:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i> (provided on site by Forum)
<p><u>SESSION II: African Agricultural Markets and Trade</u></p> <p>This session will examine terms of trade, market prospects, trade policies, impacts of liberalisation and aid-for-trade opportunities in the African context.</p>	
14:00-15:30	<p><i>Outlook, Opportunities and Constraints for African Agriculture</i></p> <p>Alexander Sarris, <i>Director, Commodities and Trade Division, FAO</i></p> <p>Stephen Karingi, <i>Chief, Trade and International Negotiations, UNECA</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
15:30-17:00	<p><i>Prospects for Trade</i></p> <p>Marie-André Tall, <i>Chairman, AAFEX, Senegal</i></p> <p>Stefan Tangermann, <i>Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
17:00-19:00	<i>Reception</i> (provided on site by Forum)

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SESSION III: African Agricultural Development and Poverty Reduction

This session will address the strengths and weaknesses of domestic policies and development aid for African agricultural development and poverty reduction.

09:00-10:30	<p><i>Contemporary Issues of African Agricultural Development</i></p> <p>Mamadou Cissokho, <i>Président d'honneur, ROPPA</i></p> <p>Kevin Cleaver, <i>Assistant President, Programme Management Department, IFAD</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
10:30-12:00	<p><i>Constraints and Agricultural Policy Reform in Africa</i></p> <p>Joe Dewbre, <i>OECD/France/IFAD Support for African Agriculture Project</i></p> <p>Rabelais Yankam, <i>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Cameroon;</i> Fousseny Mariko, <i>Secretary-General, Minister of Agriculture, Mali</i> Ghana (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
12:00-14:00	<p><i>Lunch</i> (provided on site by Forum)</p>
<p><u>SESSION IV: Presentation and discussion of the results of the Forum</u></p> <p>This session will summarise the messages presented and issues raised at the Forum then seek the reactions from a distinguished panel of policy makers and stakeholders.</p>	
14:00-14:30	<p><i>Review of the Forum's key messages and issues</i></p> <p>Mohamed Beavogui, <i>Director, Western and Central Africa Division, IFAD</i></p> <p><i>Comments from the floor</i></p>
14:30-16:30	<p><i>High-level Panel Discussion</i></p> <p>Panel members :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ndiogou Fall, <i>Président, ROPPA</i>• Issoufou Daré, <i>Director of Animal Resources, UEMOA</i>• IFAD (<i>tbc</i>)• Hafez Ghanem, <i>Assistant Director-General, FAO</i>• Jack Wilkinson, <i>Chairman, IFAP</i> <p><i>Questions from the floor</i></p>
16:30-17:00	<p><i>Closing statements</i></p> <p>Ibrahim Mayaki, <i>Executive Director, HUB, Dakar</i></p> <p>Neil Fraser, <i>Forum Chair</i></p>