



COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT

Public Hearing on

FOOD SECURITY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: THE CHALLENGE TO FEED THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, 4 October 2011, 09.00 - 18.30
Brussels, Hemicycle (PHS)

PROGRAMME

09.00-10.15 Introductory Session

Moderator: Michèle Striffler, First Vice-Chair of the Committee on Development

- Introductory statement by Eva Joly, Chair of the Committee on Development

Keynote speeches:

- David Nabarro, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition, Coordinator of the High Level Task Force on Global Food Security
"The global response to the food crisis: progress and challenges"
- Mamadou Cissokho, Président, Réseau des organisations paysannes et de producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA)
"A new policy for achieving food security in the South"

Debate

10.15-12.30 Panel 1: Commodity speculation and foreign investment in farmland

Moderator: Eva Joly, Chair of the Committee on Development

10.15-11.15: Commodity speculation and food price volatility

- Pierre Jacquet, Chief Economist, Agence Française de Développement
- Marc-Olivier Herman, EU Economic Justice Policy Lead, Oxfam International

Debate

11.15-12.30: Foreign investment in farmland in developing countries

- H.E. Mrs. Brave R. Ndisale, Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi
- Lorenzo Cotula, Senior Researcher, International Institute for Environment and Development
- Angus Selby, Principal (Agriculture), Altima Partners

Debate

15.00-17.15 Panel 2: EU policies on food and agriculture

Moderator: Thijs Berman, MEP / Gabriele Zimmer, MEP

15.00-16.15: The CAP reform, agricultural trade and food security in developing countries

- Dacian Cioloș, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
- Cedric Pène, Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO
- Rudolf Buntzel, Advisor on Global Food Security, Church Development Service Germany / APRODEV

Debate

16.15-17.15: EU Development cooperation and food security

- Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner for Development
- Nadjirou Sall, Secrétaire Général, Fédération des organisations non-gouvernementales du Sénégal - Action paysanne

Debate

17.15-18.30 Concluding session: Sustainable agriculture to feed the people - the way forward

Moderator: Gabriele Zimmer, MEP

- William Murray, Senior Program Officer, Plant Production and Protection Division, FAO
"Feeding a growing world and protecting its natural resources"
- Hans Herren, President of the Millennium Institute, co-chair, IAASTD
"Investing in food security: perspectives and alternatives"

Debate

- Feedback from the Commission (Jean-Pierre Halkin, DG DEVCO, Head of Unit Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition)
- Conclusions by Eva Joly, Michèle Striffler, Thijs Berman and Gabriele Zimmer

The Hearing is held in the presence of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU.

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