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Climate Change, Agriculture, and Trade: Promoting Policy Coherence

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As the global community aims to reach a new international climate change framework, it is also faced with pressing food security needs among the world's poor. The production and trade of food and agricultural products will be impacted by climate change, as well as by policy responses to climate change. An increased understanding of the nexus between climate change, agriculture, food security and trade is required so that greater policy coherence can be attained at both the international and national level.

The International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) are pleased to convene a diverse group of internationally respected climate change, agriculture, trade and development experts to address the climate change and food security issues facing the agricultural sector.

- How can the international community achieve climate change adaptation and mitigation as well as food security?
- Is a new paradigm required for investment in the agricultural sector?
- Do international trade rules need to adapt to climate change?

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DRAFT AGENDA

8h30-9h:00 Registration

9h00-9h30 Introductions and Welcome

- The Honorable Carlo Trojan, IPC Chairperson (confirmed)
- The Honorable Friis Arne Petersen, Danish Ambassador to the US (confirmed)

9h30-11h30 Panel I: Climate Change Policies and Food Security

With global food demand expected to double by 2050, how can we ensure that policies to address climate change do not jeopardize food security?

Speakers:

- **Keynote** - The Honorable Senator Richard Lugar – **Making Progress on Climate Change, Development and Food Security**
- Joachim von Braun, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute; IPC Member – **Climate Change and Food Security** (confirmed)
- Ajay Vashee, President, International Federation of Agricultural Producers; IPC Member - **Priorities for the Farmer** (confirmed)

11h30-13h00 Panel II: US Domestic and International Policy

The United States is making progress towards a domestic climate change framework and will play a decisive role in the upcoming Copenhagen Summit and implementation thereof. This panel will address the US position on climate change and agriculture.

Speakers:

- Todd Stern, US Special Envoy on Climate Change – **US position on climate change and agriculture**
- Rajiv Shah, Undersecretary for Research, Education and Economics, US Department of Agriculture – **Priorities for Agricultural Research in the Context of Climate Change** (confirmed)

Moderator:

Melinda Kimble, Senior Vice President, UN Foundation (confirmed)

13h00-14h30 Lunch



14h30-16h00 Panel III: African Agriculture and Climate Change

With 70% of Africa's population engaged in farming, what specific challenges does climate change present for the continent? What kinds of policies make the most sense for adaptation and mitigation?

Speakers:

- **Keynote:** The Honorable Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Managing Director, World Bank - **Key Findings of the 2009 World Development Report**
- Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer, Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), South Africa - **Priorities for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in Africa** (confirmed)
- Prof. Dr. Christoph Kohlmeyer, Chair, Global Donor Platform for Rural Development; Executive Director, African Development Bank- **Need to Rethink Business as Usual for Development Assistance** (confirmed)
- Benard Hoekman, Director, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Unit, Trade Department, World Bank - **Policy Responses to Climate Change** (confirmed)

Moderator:

Ricardo Melendez-Ortiz, Chief Executive, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (confirmed)

16h00-16h15 Coffee

16h15-17h30 Panel IV: ICTSD-IPC Platform Recommendations

The ICTSD-IPC Platform on Climate Change, Agriculture and Trade has been convening a multidisciplinary group of international experts since December 2008 for analysis and dialogues. This panel will outline the platform's key findings and recommendations: the need to ensure that policies to address climate change do not jeopardize food security, and the need for coherence of climate change policies with international trade and agricultural development policies.

Speakers:

- Daniel Martino, Carposur, Coordinating Lead Author of the Agriculture Chapter for the 4th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - **The Treatment of Agriculture in a New Climate Change Regime** (confirmed)
- Adrien Macey, Climate Change Ambassador of New Zealand and/or Carlos Perez de Castillo, former Chairman of the WTO General Council; IPC Member - **Climate Change and Trade**
- Gary Hufbauer, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute - **"Climate Change Proofing" the WTO** (confirmed)

Moderator:

Robert Thompson, Agricultural Policy Chair, University of Illinois; IPC Member (confirmed)

18h00 - 20h00 Dinner

