



Climate Change and Food Security: Unifying commitment and action in land-based sectors

Side event hosted by the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries,
FAO and IFAD at the UNFCCC COP15 meeting

Copenhagen, 10th December 2009, 13.00-14.30; Room Victor Borg

Both food security and climate change challenges need to be addressed simultaneously and urgently, with responsible action considering both, in a holistic and coherent manner. Only in this way, can we (i) achieve food security, for which adaptation of agricultural systems is crucial and (ii) avoid catastrophic climate change, which requires that agriculture and forestry contribute to overall mitigation efforts to reduce and remove greenhouse gases. Food Security and Climate Change are intrinsically linked and closely intersect in the agriculture sector. Agriculture offers opportunities for early action on climate change; these opportunities should not be missed and barriers to implementation, including among smallholder farmers, should be overcome. Cost-effective responses will require action across sectors and at different scales, including that of landscapes.

In this side event high level speakers from different countries and institutions, who are closely involved with these issues, will present their views and perspectives.

Programme:

1. Danish Minister of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries; Her Excellency, Eva Kjer Hansen
2. US Secretary of Agriculture; His Excellency, Thomas Vilsack
3. Head of International Cooperation, Brazilian National Institute of Space Research, and Co-Chair of IPCC Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI);
Dr. Thelma Krug
4. President, International Federation of Agricultural Producers; Mr. Ajay Vashee
5. Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN; Dr. Jacques Diouf
6. Questions and comments will be taken from the audience

Refreshments will be served following the side event