



Climate change, energy and food

High-level conference on food security: the challenges of climate change and bioenergy

Rome, 3-5 June 2008

Private Sector Forum

FAO, Rome, 3 June 2008, 13:30-15:00

The Private Sector Forum will focus on four general questions concerning the impacts of soaring food prices, climate change and the growth of bioenergy on food security. Panellists representing private sector associations will be asked to respond to the following questions:

- What are the main factors behind food prices crisis as understood by their company?
- How are rising prices affecting their business operations?
- What initiatives are being taken by their company to mitigate impacts on farmers/the industry?
- What policies or other public sector actions might enhance incentives for their company to take action to mitigate impacts on food security?

Invited Speakers

Introduction by Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, FAO

Opening remarks by Mr. Kofi Annan, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, AGRA

Speaker **reactions/comments** to forum questions (5 mn each)

- Mr. Thorleif Enger, International Fertilizer Industry Association
- Mr. Fred Stephens, International Feed Industry Federation
- Mr. Marcel Bruins, International Seed Federation
- Mr. Prabhu Pingali, Agricultural Policy and Statistics Division, Gates Foundation

Facilitator: Mr J. Butler, Deputy Director-General
Officer-in-Charge, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, FAO