

Conference on Climate Change and European Agriculture

28 October 2008 09.00h to 13.00h

Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Reading Room

H-1051 Budapest , Roosevelt tér 9.

PROGRAMME

9.00 **Opening of the Conference**

Ms Mária Kadlečíková, FAO Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia
FAO and climate change: Outcomes of the “High-Level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy” and the 26th FAO Regional Conference for Europe

Challenges related to climate change in Hungary and in the region

9.15 **Dr Tamás Németh**, Secretary General of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
The role of soil in mitigating the effects of climate change

9.30 **H.E. Ferenc Sirman**, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
Hungary’s National Climate Change Strategy

9.45 **Professor István Láng**, Former Secretary General of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and **Professor Zsolt Harnos**, Head of Department, Corvinus University
Getting prepared for climate change in Hungary

10.15 **Professor Zoltán Bedő**, Director, Agricultural Research Institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Climate change: a challenge for plant breeders

10.30 **Mr Volker Sasse**, Forestry Officer, Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia
Forestry and climate change

Climate change and policies for adjustment and adaptation

10.50 **Ms Márta Szigeti Bonifert**, Executive Director, Regional Environment Centre
Climate change and the environment

11.10 **Mr Tomasz Lonc**, Policy Officer, FAO Subregional Office for Central and Eastern Europe
Climate change and adaptation in agriculture: FAO approaches and activities

11.30 **Discussion and Closing of Conference**

12.15–13.00 Refreshments – II. floor corridor

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