

# Annex I: Programme

**Keynote address:** Non-food agriculture and the bio-based economy – agricultural production of fibre, energy, materials, and others. What is the future of fibre production in agriculture?  
(*John Williams, National Non Food Crops Centre, UK*)

**Natural fibres and the environment – environmental benefits of natural fibre production and use**

(*Jan van Dam, Wageningen University, The Netherlands*)

**Natural fibre production and food security – significance for poverty alleviation and employment:** Regional focus

**Jute in South Asia**

Rezaur Rahman, *Bangladesh*

**Cotton in West Africa**

Karim Hussein, *IFAD, Rome*

**Sisal: Small farmers and plantation workers**

David Machin, *UK*

**Wool and other animal fibres in Latin America**

Roberto Cardellino, *Uruguay*

**Natural fibres in China**

Zhang Jianchun, *Chinahemp, Beijing*

**Coir in Asia**

Romulo N. Arancon, *APCC, Jakarta*

**Recent and current developments:**

Technological development, R&D: What has been achieved in recent years (including cooperation with CFC), what has been achieved with new markets, new non-traditional applications, what are the priorities for the future?

**Industrial Fibres**

Brett Suddell, *ADAS, UK*

**Wool**

Ben Lyons, *AWI, Australia*

**Cotton**

Rachel Crumbley, *Cotton Inc, USA*

**Panel Discussion: What actions are required to ensure a sound future for natural fibres? Where are the bottlenecks: government policy? Technology? Market constraints? Trade barriers?**

**International Year of Natural Fibres 2009: proposals for action**