

# **AGRICULTURE, TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, POVERTY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

A strategic dialogue jointly convened by the ICTSD and the IIED

14th-16th July 2004, Windsor, UK

## **Programme**

### **Wednesday, 14 July**

*12h30 - 13h45: Welcome Lunch*

*14h00-14h30: Introduction and Overview*

- Dialogue's objective and methodology: Camilla TOULMIN / Ricardo MELENDEZ-ORTIZ
- Brief introductions of participants

*14h30-17h30: Session I*

Immediate possibilities, deficiencies and limitations of the international trade rules system in fostering poverty-targeted sustainable development policies in the field of agriculture.

- Trade negotiations strategic options for pro-sustainable development reform  
Presentation by Duncan GREEN
- Development, agriculture and environment: reaping the benefits of a win-win-win?  
Presentation by Vangelis VITALIS

Responses from: Anne TUTWILER, Laura CARLSEN and Jack WILKINSON from the perspective of the current state of play at WTO/ RTAs negotiations

Discussion

### **Thursday, 15 July**

*08h30 - 12h30: Session II*

Possibilities and limitations of current approaches to trade in agro-commodities and their potential to deliver pro-sustainable development policies.

- The "commodity question": trade liberalization and impacts on poverty and sustainability  
Presentations by Jason CLAY and Peter GIBBON

Responses Juergen HOFFMAN, Chantal Line CARPENTIER, and Linxiu ZHANG from the perspective of WTO expected results and the poverty and sustainable development challenges

Discussion

*12h45 - 14h00: Lunch*

### ***15h00 - 18h30: Session III***

Possible and available tools to address pro-poor, sustainability concerns in agriculture through trade-driven:

- Offensive measures, defensive measures, and adjustment tools  
Presentation by Alex WERTH
- Political context  
Presentation by Rashid KAUKAB

Response from: Dominique NJINKEU, Santiago PERRY, Ken COOK and Christian Friis BACH

Discussion

### **Friday, 16 July**

#### ***08h30 - 09h30: Debriefing on latest developments by Faizel ISMAIL***

State of play on key issues for developing countries in the WTO and RTA negotiations - what does the framework agreement mean for the poverty alleviation/sustainability challenge? What are the expectations with respect to negotiation and implementation timetables and what can be used as a working assumption for purposes of developing support initiatives for pro-development reform agendas?

#### ***09h30 - 12h00: Session IV***

To explore the feasibility of and tactics for obtaining a quid pro quo for the poor by tying liberalization to outside international assistance, investment, and technical assistance for the poor countries and/or to reform within countries to benefit the poor.

- Summarizing from findings of the previous day and putting existing initiatives involving participants together, discuss real possibilities to move forward.

Facilitated by Adriano CAMPOLINA, focusing on specific proposals he would have discussed with participants over the previous days, including in the fringes of the meeting.

Discussion: How to move forward in the current juncture? How to make the most out of the current pace of negotiations?

#### ***12h30 - 15h00: Building a shared vision of an agricultural trade agenda that benefits the poor and supports sustainability***

Discuss the specifics of a broad vision of what needs to happen over the next several years, see how each organization's work fits, identify the missing pieces, and determine where there are opportunities for collaboration

#### ***15h00: Coffee and Close***