



## **2008 High-level Segment Thematic Debate on Rural Development**

### **Roundtable 2:**

**3:00 – 5:30 pm, ECOSOC Chamber**

#### **Harnessing the current boom in agricultural commodities for poverty eradication and sustainable development: the case of small-scale farmers**

Co-organizers: DESA, IFAD, FAO, WFP, UNCTAD, UNEP, UNDP and UN-Habitat

Chair: H.E. Peter Msola, Minister of Science, Technology and ICT of Tanzania

Moderator: Annika Soder, Assistant Director-General, FAO

Panelists: H.E. Mr. Frank Mwenifumbo, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Malawi  
**"Malawi's Efforts in Harnessing Increased Agricultural Production for Sustainable Food Security and Socio-Economic Development"**

Robert T. Watson, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom  
**"How to make small scale farming more profitable"?**

Steven Schonberger, Lead Operations Officer in Agriculture and Rural Development, World Bank  
**"Building Empowering Value Chains; Integrating Smallholders into the New Opportunities in Agriculture"**

Sandra Polaski, Senior Associate and Director, Trade, Equity and Development, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
**"Food prices, poverty, and small-scale farmers: Getting the global trade regime right"**

James Borel, Group Vice-President responsible for DuPont Crop Protection and Pioneer Hi-Bred

**"Market accessibility through improved inputs, information and infrastructure: A proposal to enable small-scale farmers to compete globally and contribute to food, economic and political security"**

Lead discussant: Ms. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-Habitat