

**High-Level CSD Intersessional Meeting  
African Agriculture in the 21st Century:  
Meeting the Challenges, Making a Sustainable Green Revolution  
Windhoek, February 9-10, 2009  
Provisional Agenda**

**AGENDA OVERVIEW**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

09:00-10:45 Official Opening Ceremony  
    09:00-09:50: Welcome and Opening Remarks  
    09:50-10:00: Introductory Reflections – purpose of the meeting  
    10:00-10:45 : Keynote address: how to make a sustainable green revolution in Africa  
10:45-11:00: Coffee Break  
11:00-12:00: High-Level Segment  
12:00-12:15: Introduction to session 1: how to operationalize a green revolution in Africa?  
12:15-13:15: Session 1 : parallel sessions  
13:15-14:30: Lunch  
14:30-16:00: Session 1 (continued) : parallel sessions  
16:00-16:20: Coffee Break  
16:20-16:45: Session 1 : reporting from sub-groups  
16:45-18:00: Developing a vision for African agriculture (panel session)

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09:30-09:40: Introduction to session 2: Integrating African agriculture into global markets  
09:40-11:10: Session 2 : parallel sessions  
11:10-11:30: Coffee Break  
11:30-13:00: Session 2 (continued): parallel sessions  
13:00-14:30: Lunch  
14:30-15:00: Session 2 : reporting from sub-groups  
15:00-16:45: Session 3 : Managing Africa's agricultural transition (Ministers' roundtable)  
16:45-17:00: Coffee Break  
17:00-17:30: Presentation and adoption of a Ministerial Statement  
17:30-18:00: Concluding speeches

## DETAILED AGENDA

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### Official Opening Ceremony (09:00-10:45)

#### 09:00-09:50: Welcome and Opening Remarks

H.E. Mr. Nahas Gideon Angula, Prime Minister, Republic of Namibia

H.E. Ms. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Republic of Namibia

H.E. Ms. Gerda Verburg, Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands

Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UN-DESA

#### 09:50-10:00 : Introductory Reflections - purpose and content of the meeting

*David O'Connor*, Chief, Policy Integration and Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA

#### 10:00 -10:45 : Keynote address: how to make a sustainable green revolution in Africa

*Akinwumi Adesina*, Vice President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

Questions and answers

#### 10:45-11:00: Coffee Break

#### 11:00 -12:00: High-Level Segment: Ministers and Heads of Agencies

Ministers, Vice-Ministers and Heads of UN Agencies

#### 12:00 -12:15: Introduction to session 1: how to operationalize a green revolution in Africa?

Norman Uphoff, Professor of Government and International Agriculture, Cornell University (chair session 1.1)

Rudy Rabbinge, Head of Science Council, CGIAR (chair session 1.2)

#### 12:15-13:15: Session 1: how to operationalize a green revolution in Africa?

#### Parallel session 1.1: Incorporating sustainable land management and agricultural practices into African agriculture

Chairperson: *Norman Uphoff*, Professor of Government and International Agriculture, Cornell University

Rapporteur: (to be confirmed)

Incorporating soil science into practice to change paradigms for staple crops: the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), *Norman Uphoff*, Professor of Government and International Agriculture, Cornell University

Advances in land regeneration and fighting desertification in arid and semi-arid environments: sustainable land management practices, including agroforestry: an assessment, the way forward, *Harold Roy-Macauley*, Regional Coordinator, ICRAF-WCA

Exploiting linkages between soil quality, biodiversity and agricultural production, *Andrew Gillison*, Director, Center for Biodiversity Management, Australia

Main conclusions from the IAASTD , *Simon Hearn*, Senior Advisor, Australian Centre for Agricultural Research, Australia

**Parallel session 1.2: Increasing agricultural productivity in Africa**

Chairperson: Rudy Rabbinge, Head of Science Council, CGIAR

Rapporteur: (to be confirmed)

Development and food security in Africa: prospects for the future, *Rudy Rabbinge*, Head of Science Council, CGIAR.

Increasing Africa's agricultural productivity, *Supachai Panitchpakdi*, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Developing and promoting the adoption of adapted varieties for rice: what works in Africa?, *Samuel Bruce-Oliver*, Advisor to the Director General, Africa Rice Center (WARDA)

How best to support the efforts of farmers to improve African agriculture?, *Ajay Vashee*, President, International Federation of Agricultural Producers.

**13:15 – 14:30 : Lunch**

**14:30-16:00: Session 1 (continued): how to operationalize a green revolution in Africa?**

Parallel session 1.1: Incorporating sustainable land management and agricultural practices into African agriculture

Parallel session 1.2: Increasing agricultural productivity in Africa

**16:00-16:20 : Coffee Break**

**16:20-16:45 : Session 1: reporting from the sub-groups**

*Rapporteurs from the 2 sub-groups of session 1: 10 minutes each.*

**16:45-18:00: Developing a vision for African agriculture (panel session with questions from the audience)**

*Co-chairs:*

H.E. Ms. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Republic of Namibia

H.E. Ms. Gerda Verburg, Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands

*Panelists:*

Akinwumi Adesina, Vice President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary, UNCCD

Simon Hearn, Senior Advisor, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.(tbc)

Rudy Rabbinge, Head of Science Council, CGIAR

Norman Uphoff, Professor of Government and International Agriculture, Cornell University.

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**09:20-9:35: Introduction to session 2: integrating African agriculture into global markets**

Kiichiro Fukasaku, Head, Regional Desk, Development Center, OECD  
Linda Nghatsane, Nelspruit Agricultural Development Association

**09:40-11:10: Session 2 : integrating African agriculture into global markets**

Parallel session 2.1: *Moving African agriculture up the value chain*

Chairperson: Kiichiro Fukasaku, Head, Regional Desk, Development Center, OECD.

Rapporteur: (to be confirmed)

Linking smallholders to markets: what perspectives for Africa?, *Kiichiro Fukasaku*, Head, Regional Desk, Development Center, OECD.

African agriculture through a trade lens, *Christophe Bellman*, Programme Director, International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)

Value chain development and regional integration for agricultural development, *Josué Dione*, Director, Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, UN Economic Commission for Africa

The experience of the development of the NERICA rice, *Hiroyuki Kubota*, Executive Advisor to the Director General, Rural Development Department, JICA

Parallel session 2.2: *Integration of small farmers into global supply chains*

Chairperson: Linda Nghatsane, Nelspruit Agricultural Development Association

Rapporteur: (to be confirmed)

Innovative models for small holder farming in Africa: challenges and opportunities from a farmer's perspective, *Linda Nghatsane*, Nelspruit Agricultural Development Association

Organizing the supply chains: the cotton sector in Mali, *Jean-Francois Bélières*, Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement (CIRAD)

Small holders in the coffee and cotton sector and global markets: impact of trade and subsidies, *Ian Mashingaidze*, Regional Director for Southern Africa, OXFAM America

Managing the biofuel boom, local income generation and small holders' access to land: innovative models in Africa, *Harold Liversage*, Land Tenure Adviser, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

**11:10-11:30 : Coffee Break**

**11:30-13:00 : Session 2 (continued): integrating African agriculture into global markets**

Parallel session 2.1: *Moving African agriculture up the value chain*

Parallel session 2.2: *Integration of small farmers into global supply chains*

**13:00 – 14:30 : Lunch**

**14:30-14:50: Session 2: Reporting from sub-groups.**

*Rapporteurs from sub-sessions 2.1 and 2.2: 10 minutes each*

**14:50-16:45: Session 3 : Managing Africa's agricultural transition**

*Panel session with interactive discussion with the audience*

Chair: Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UN-DESA

Moderator: Akinwumi Adesina, Vice President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

**Introductory presentation:** Africa's rural transition: lessons from a cross-country assessment, *Bruno Losch*, Task Team Leader, RuralStruc Project, World Bank

**Panelists:** (to be confirmed)

**16:45-17:00 Coffee Break**

**17:00-17:30: Presentation and adoption of a Ministers' Statement**

Chair: H.E. Ms. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Republic of Namibia

**17:30-18:00: Conclusion of the meeting**

Towards CSD-17: M. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary General, UN-DESA

Closing address :

H.E. Ms. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Minister of Environment and Tourism, Republic of Namibia

H.E. Ms. Gerda Verburg, Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands