



High Level Panel - A Response to the World Food Crisis: Smallholder Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development in Africa

United Nations Headquarters in New York

22 September, 2008

2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

The High Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on “Africa’s development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward” will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 September 2008.

On this occasion, a high-level panel discussion entitled “A Response to the World Food Crisis: Smallholder Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development in Africa” will be held on 22 September from 2pm to 5.30 pm in Conference Room 2 at UN Headquarters. It is organized by FAO, IFAD and WFP, in partnership with UNDP, UN-NGLS, the Earth Institute of Columbia University and the Republic of Malawi,

The speakers include H. E. Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika President of Malawi, Mr. Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General, Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director General of FAO, Prof. Jeffrey Sachs of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and Ms. Elisabeth Atangana, President of the Sub-regional Platform of Peasant Organizations of Central Africa (PROPAC). Other participants will include the Heads of UNDP, IFAD and WFP.

A limited number of observers seats will be reserved for civil society organizations, in addition to invited speakers. Each organization will be allowed to register one representative. The selection will be done on a first come first served basis. To register, please send an email to ngls@un.org with the name of the organization, the name of its representative and her/his contact details (address, phone number and email). The deadline for registration is 3 September 2008. Further logistical details will be communicated later to registered civil society organizations.