



Europe, Africa and Food Security: European policies, biofuels and land grabbing

**A dialogue between European authorities, Member States and
Civil Society**

Tuesday 28 February 2012 – h 9:15 – 16.30 pm

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***Places are limited. Please confirm your participation by Thursday 23 February to
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PROGRAMME

8.45 **Registration and coffee**

9.15 – 10.45 **Introduction**

- ✓ **Official welcome**
- ✓ **The Right to Food and Biofuels** – Olivier De Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur for the Right to Food. *This intervention by the Special Rapporteur will draw on the briefing on this topic that he will be releasing in early March and his reading of the EuropAfrica report.*
- ✓ **Policy coherence targeting food security in Africa** – EuropAfrica: Nora McKeon, Terra Nuova. *This intervention will illustrate the objectives and methodology of EuropAfrica's policy coherence monitoring, which takes as its reference points the promotion of food security and sustainable small-scale production, and will present the day's programme.*
- ✓ **Food Security and Rural development in Africa** - Rural Development, Food Security and Nutrition Unit, Directorate General Development and Cooperation. *A presentation of the EU's strategy and policy guidelines for promoting food security and sustainable small-holder food production in Africa.*
- ✓ **The EU and biofuels** – Directorate General Energy and Transport. *A presentation of the Renewable Energy Directive 2009/28/EC (RED) and plans for its assessment during 2012.*

Comments and questions from the participants.

10.45 – 12.30 **Land grabbing in Africa and European policies related to biofuels**

- ✓ **European energy policies and land grabbing in Africa** – Roman Herre and Sylvain Aubry, Food First Information and Action Network (FIAN). *Presentation of the main findings of the EuropAfrica 2011 report.*
- ✓ **African farmer organizations' evidence**
 - *African small-scale farmers' concerns regarding land grabbing and biofuels* – Djibo Bagna, President, ROPPA and Vice-President Pan African Farmers' Organization (PAFO)
 - *Land grabbing in East Africa* – Annick Sezibera, CAPAD, Burundi and EAFF
 - *Land grabbing and biofuels in Senegal* – Marius Dia, CNCR, Senegal

Comments and questions from the participants. Synthesis of issues raised

12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch Break**

13.30 – 16.00 **Dialogue with European and African Authorities**

- ✓ **Authorities directly concerned by the issues** will be invited to make interventions based on their readings of the EuropAfrica report and the morning's debate: Directorate General Development and Cooperation; Directorate General Energy and Transport; Directorate General Trade; Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development; European External Action Service; EU Working Group on Land Issues; European Parliament; ACP Committee of Ambassadors.
- ✓ **General debate with interventions from all participants.**

16.00 – 16.30 **Concluding session**

- ✓ **Proposals emerging from the presentations and the debate and follow-up**
- ✓ **Closing remarks**

Interpretation in English and French. Buffet lunch.

The EuropAfrica 2011 report will be made available to participants in advance.