

Private Sector Meeting

INFORMAL BRIEFING ON PRIVATE SECTOR MECHANISM

HOSTED BY: International Agri-Food Network, www.agrifood.net



DATE, LOCATION :

Monday, October 17 / 12:30 - 13:30 / Austria Room C237

SPEAKERS :

History of the International Agri-Food Network

Luc Maene, Chairman of International Agri-Food Network, Belgium

Private Sector Mechanism

Morgane Danielou, Member Advisory Group of the CFS, France

Position and Views

Robynne Anderson, Secretariat to the International Agri-Food Network, Canada

MEETING SUMMARY (NO MORE THAN 300 WORDS)

The meeting had three purposes: (1) to introduce the work and structure of the International Agri-Food network (IAFN) (2) to present key priorities for the private sector in the context of the CFS and (3) to discuss priorities for further participation within the work flow of the CFS.

KEY THEMES & DISCUSSION POINTS, INCLUDING NEW PROJECTS OR PARTNERSHIPS (NO MORE THAN 10 BULLET POINTS)

Key Private Sector Themes

- Agriculture is an engine for development.
- The CFS should support entrepreneurship and enterprise.
- The CFS should establish a conducive operating environment.
- The CFS should support research, development and extension services.
- The CFS should acknowledge the power of partnerships to deliver on its goals.

About the iAFN

- IAFN is a voluntary, virtual coalition staffed by its supporter groups.
- IAFN is looking to be more involved in the CFS process and to engage members in discussing core issues.

- IAFN would like the CFS to focus on key priority areas (e.g. post-harvest losses).
- IAFN could benefit from a small private sector mechanism to fund participation from various representatives throughout the industry
- It is also a challenge to find suitable private sector representatives to attend due to their existing work responsibilities. In addition, could a farmer be nominated as a FAO Goodwill Ambassador?

MAIN CONCLUSIONS (NO MORE THAN 10 BULLET POINTS)

- The private sector is interested in actively discussing emerging issues related to delivering on the goals of the CFS.
- Post-harvest losses is a key issue which should be prioritized within the CFS
- The work flow of the CFS – and how the private sector is enabled to contribute – should be further addressed.