



World Food Day Briefing: Hunger, Biofuels and Climate Change

Friday, October 16, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Senate Hart Office Building, Room SH-216

Washington, D.C., October 16, 2009

(RSVP required by Wednesday October 14, 2009)

Of the one billion people who go to bed hungry each night, 60 percent are smallholder farmers and another 20 percent are landless agricultural laborers. Their food security challenges are compounded by the accelerating impacts of climate change on agriculture, and by the impact of increased demand for biofuels on food prices and land usage. Solutions to the global food crisis must focus on strengthening smallholder farmers' capacity to build sustainable food systems through effective policy responses to these phenomena. On World Food Day, ActionAid USA, the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, and Friends of the Earth will present perspectives on these issues from Brazil, Senegal and the United States. Speakers will offer analysis and recommendations for how U.S. biofuels and climate change policies can help end hunger by investing in sustainable agricultural solutions.

Agenda:

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| 9:00-9:15am | Introduction: Peter O'Driscoll, Executive Director, ActionAid USA
Erich Pica, Chief Executive Officer, Friends of the Earth USA |
| | Biofuels and Hunger |
| 9:15-9:30am | Brazil: Celso Marcatto, ActionAid Brazil |
| 9:30-9:45am | Senegal: Fatou Mbaye, ActionAid Senegal |
| 9:45-10:00am | U.S. Policy Recommendations, Kate McMahan, Friends of the Earth |
| 10:00-10:20am | Questions and discussion: |
| 10:20-10:30am | Coffee break with light refreshments |
| | Climate Change and Hunger |
| 10:30-10:50am | Brazil: Celso Marcatto, ActionAid Brazil |
| 10:50-11:10am | Senegal: Saliou Sarr, ROPPA (Network of Peasant Organizations and Producers of West Africa) |
| 11:10-11:25am | U.S. Policy Recommendations: Ilana Solomon, ActionAid USA |
| 11:25-11:50pm | Questions and discussion |
| 11:50-12:00pm | Closing: Karen Hansen-Kuhn, Director of International Programs, IATP |

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The Capitol Appointment Desk requires a list of attendees

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