

FANRPAN Represented at the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit 2009

The Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) has been invited to participate at the high-level 2009 Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) to be held in India from February 5-7 2009 under the theme, “Towards Copenhagen: an equitable and ethical approach”.

Ahead of the crucial COP 15 meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark in December 2009, the Delhi Summit hosted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) will focus on finding equitable and ethical approaches to reach a global consensus on climate change beyond 2012. Africa, through its Climate Solutions Initiative launched at the COP 14 meeting in Poznan, December 2008, is advocating for a post-Kyoto regime that recognises the role of the continent’s agricultural and forest resources in mitigation and adaptation measures to climate change.

FANRPAN will be represented by Mr. Francis Hale whose participation as part of the Africa delegation to the summit has been made possible through a partnership between FANRPAN and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC (South Africa). The summit is an annual event of TERI since 2001. It is a global forum that seeks to provide long-term solutions for sustainable development and it has witnessed participation by global stakeholders including heads of state/government, ministers, and dignitaries comprising Nobel laureates, development practitioners, scientists, academicians and corporate leaders from across the world.

The 2009 DSDS will reinforce the climate change agenda of the 2008 and it is set to attract industry leaders, opinion makers, and climate change experts all who are expected to come up with an understanding among all stakeholders and formulate meaningful policy options for constructive dialogue on climate change. Delegates to this four day summit are envisaged to form an agreement on equity and ethic issues regarding climate change after 2012 when the Kyoto Protocol expires.

The Summit will also feature a number of side events including the CEO Forum which will focus on the theme ‘*Climate Change: perspective from the change makers in business*’. The CEO Forum will review issues and address the challenges businesses are likely to face due to climate change. Focus will be on ‘how’ and ‘why’ green is good. Business opportunities in the emerging scenario will be examined. Action on energy efficiency, introduction of clean technologies, finance, insurance, changes in business lifestyles, and host of other unexplored areas will be discussed in this forum. In addition, the special events at the summit will feature sectoral themes relevant to climate change adding great value to the discussions. Some of the likely themes include adapting to climate change, emerging technologies in developing countries: capabilities and governance issues; negotiator’s roundtable: way forward to Copenhagen and global climate policy and technology development.

Some of the key delegates to the summit include, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Kingdom of Thailand; Mr Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati; Mr Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland; Ms Tarja Halonen, President of Finland; Mr John Agyekum Kufuor, former President of Ghana; Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway & Special UN Envoy on Climate Change; Mr Jacques Chirac, former President of France; Mr Mamadou Lamine Loum, former Prime Minister of Senegal; Mr Moritz Leuenberger, former President of Switzerland; Mr Jose Maria Figueres Olsen, former President of Costa Rica; Prof. Ernesto Zedillo, former President of Mexico and Director, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization in the United States. In addition, ministers and senior government officials from Mauritius, Czech Republic, United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Denmark, Australia, Mexico, Germany, Finland, Indonesia, and Spain will be participating. The private sector, the NGO community, corporate and bilateral institutions and the media will also be well represented at the Summit.

For more information on the DSDS, please visit: <http://dsds.teriin.org/2008/>