

# SOUTH-SOUTH DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS FORUM ON FOOD SECURITY

## Program Agenda

16 December 2009, 10 am – 1 pm  
Preston Auditorium, World Bank Main Complex  
Washington DC

9:00 – 10:00	REGISTRATION
10:00 – 10:30	WELCOME REMARKS  <b>MR. YIPING ZHOU</b> Director Special Unit for South-South Cooperation
10:30 – 10:45	KEYNOTE SPEECH  <b>Statement of MS. CHERYL MORDEN</b> <i>on behalf of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</i> <b>Director</b> North American Liaison Office of IFAD
10:45 – 12:00	<b>Panel discussion: Responses of the South in Time of Crisis: Innovative Solutions in Food Security</b>  <b>DR. DAVID NABARRO</b> <b>Moderator</b> Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition, and UN Under-Secretary-General and Senior Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influence and Global Food Security Crisis  <b><u>PANEL OF SOLUTION PRESENTERS</u></b>  <b>Sharing Knowledge in Farmers' Fields: FAO's South-South Cooperation Programme at Work</b> <b>MR. ABDUL KOBAKIWAL (Co-presenter)</b> Chief, Special Programme for Food Security (SPFS) Coordination and Management Service (TCOS) Technical Cooperation Department FAO  <b>China-Nigeria South-South Cooperation within the National Programme for Food Security in Nigeria</b> <b>MR. CHEIKH SARR (Co-presenter)</b> Chief Technical Adviser National Programme for Food Security FAO  <b>Nutritional dimensions of social protection networks in Central America and the Dominican Republic</b> <b>MR. PEDRO MEDRANO ROJAS</b> Regional Director World Food Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean  <b>ETRACE Centre in Egypt as a South-South Platform for Pro-poor Agribusiness solutions</b> <b>MR. GERARD PATACCONI</b> Unit Chief, Trade Capacity Building UNIDO
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion and Question and Answer
12:30 – 1:00	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION - <b>DR. DAVID NABARRO (Moderator)</b> AWARDING OF THE PLAQUES OF RECOGNITION CLOSING

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### FAO – Presentation 1



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### **TITLE OF THE SOLUTION:**

**Sharing Knowledge in Farmers' Fields: FAO's South-South Cooperation Programme at Work**

### **SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION**

FAO has been advocating for more investment in dissemination of improved, low-cost technologies to small-scale farmers since it launched the Special Programme for Food Security (SPFS) in 1994. Building on lessons learned from SPFS pilot projects, 17 countries and 4 regional organizations are now implementing large-scale National and Regional Programmes for Food Security (NPFS/RPFS). An additional 28 NPFS and 10 RPFS are at various stages of formulation and review. FAO's experience with over 1400 SSC experts and technicians fielded in 34 countries and 2 sub-regions over the past twelve years shows that it is possible to make a difference that counts by applying the knowledge and skills of technical experts and master farmers in more advanced developing countries to the challenge of modernising small-scale agriculture in other less developed countries. FAO has therefore proposed to enter into strategic alliances with a number of advanced developing countries which would be in a position to mobilize large numbers of experts and technicians. Thus far China, Indonesia and Argentina have entered into such alliances.

*First presentation is all about FAO's South-South Cooperation Programme at Work: a general presentation on FAO's programme, providing examples of concrete cases.*

### **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MR. ABDUL KOBAKIWAL**

Mr Kobakiwal joined FAO in 1987 as Country Programme Officer for Asia and the Pacific, responsible for the overall operations of the FAO operated regional projects in the region. In 1992, he became Chief, Programme Monitoring and Analysis Unit, in charge of the monitoring, analysis and follow-up of FAO's Field Programme activities. Three years later, Mr Kobakiwal took on his current assignment, as Chief of the Special programme for Food Security (SPFS) Management and Coordination Service, in the Operations Division of the Technical Cooperation Department. His responsibilities cover the formulation and implementation of the SPFS, and today the National and Regional Programmes for Food Security (NPFS/RPFS), as well as the management and coordination of the South-South Cooperation initiative within the SPFS, NPFS and RPFS, since 1996. Prior to 1987, work experience with other international organizations included: Project Analyst with the World Bank managed IDBA Programme Officer with USAID and National Officer with UNDP. His last governmental job before starting the international career was Director-General, International Cooperation and UN Affairs in the Ministry of Planning, Afghanistan.

## FAO – Presentation 2



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### **TITLE OF THE SOLUTION:**

**Sharing Knowledge in Farmers' Fields (the National Programme for Food Security (NPFS) in Nigeria)**

### **SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION**

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*Second presentation is all about China-Nigeria South South Cooperation within the NPFS in Nigeria = a presentation on the field activities undertaken by the Chinese cooperants in Nigeria since the inception of the SSC programme in the country.*

### **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF MR. CHEIKH SARR**

MR. CHEIKH TIDIANE SARR in the last four years has participated in all aspects of the implementation of the National Programme for Food Security in Nigerian as an FAO employee holding the position of Chief Technical Adviser and Budget holder for the Unilateral Trust Fund and the South-South Cooperation Programme. Trained as an Agronomist (Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique of Abidjan) and as Rural Engineer (Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural of Paris) Mr. Sarr started his professional career as an irrigation engineer and farm Manager in Bud-Senegal (a semi-private farm in Senegal for Horticultural production) from 1976 to 1978 and continued for 16 years in the African Development Bank first as Project Officer, then Director for the Agriculture Department, Director for the Computer Department and finally as Director of the Human Resources Department. After leaving the Bank he worked as an International Consultant from 1994-2005 for most multilateral institutions such as IFAD, FAO, UNOPS, Islamic Development Bank, the World Bank and other regional institutions (CORAF for research, CMA/AOC for agricultural policies and UEMOA for regional integration). This included several consultancy missions for the Special programme for Food Security (SPFS) Management and Coordination Service of FAO.

Mr. Sarr has an excellent knowledge of the African environment and an invaluable experience with socio-economic development programs in Africa (from Agricultural Policies to specific agricultural development projects and programmes, including formulation and implementation of Food Security and Poverty Reduction Programmes, Resource Mobilization for the financing of agricultural programmes, as well as civil society and NGOs participation).



**Mr. Pedro Medrano Rojas**

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#### **TITLE OF THE SOLUTION:**

**Study of the scope of nutritional dimensions of social protection networks in Central America and the Dominican Republic**

#### **SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION**

Between June and October 2009 the Regional Office of the World Food Programme (WFP) led the development of a sub-regional study on the scope of nutritional dimensions of social protection networks in 7 countries in Central America: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama and the Dominican Republic. In the face of the global crisis, WFP aims to support these countries to strengthen social protection policy and programming to address the needs of the populations that are most vulnerable to malnutrition, poverty, exclusion and discrimination. The project covered 11 different types of programmes to include: Maternal and Child Nutrition (including food and nutrition security programmes), Maternal and Child Health, HIV Programmes, Child and Adolescent Protection, Conditional Transfers, Food-based Programmes, Micronutrient Supplementation, Micronutrient Fortification, Biofortification, Food and Agricultural Production Programmes and Water and Sanitation.

#### **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

MR. PEDRO MEDRANO ROJAS was appointed as Director of the World Food Programme's New York Liaison Office on 1 July 2009. Mr. Medrano is also the WFP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, a post he has been serving since December 2004. Prior to this latter appointment, he served as the WFP Representative to India. WFP is the UN's food assistance agency and the largest humanitarian organization in the world. In 2009, WFP plans to assist 108 million people in 74 countries. Between 1995 and 1997, Mr. Medrano was President of the World Committee on Food Safety, where he presided over the preparations for the World Food Summit held in November 1996 in Rome, Italy. He had previously served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Chile to the FAO, the FIDA and the WFP in Rome, beginning in 1993. Between 1990 and 1992, Mr. Medrano was Chilean Ambassador to El Salvador and Belize. Prior to his appointment in the Chilean Foreign Service, he worked for the WFP in El Salvador in the period 1988-1990 and at the FAO in 1984-1990. Earlier, Mr. Medrano occupied several other posts, including Chief of Staff at the Chilean Ministry of Agriculture; Professor of Economic Policy at the School for Juridical and Social Sciences at the University of Chile; and Assistant Executive Secretary at the Jacques Maritain International Institute, in Rome.



#### **TITLE OF THE SOLUTION:**

**ETRACE Centre in Egypt as a South-South Platform for Pro-poor Agribusiness solutions**

#### **SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION:**

The Egyptian Traceability Centre for Agro-Industrial Exports (Etrace) is a joint project between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Egyptian Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and the Italian Cooperation in Egypt. Funded through the Italian Egyptian Debt for Development Swap, Etrace started in July 2004 and works on improving the capability of Egyptian farmers, growers and pack houses along the food value chain to meet European and international food quality, safety and traceability standards, ensuring that products are safe for consumption and do not encounter barriers to trade. Etrace provides financial and technical assistance to support agro-industrial enterprises in applying traceability systems, upgrading their technology and management systems and in acquiring certification for their exports.

#### **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**

GERARDO PATACCONI, Chief, Quality, Productivity and Enterprises Upgrading, UNIDO Trade Capacity Building Branch, and focal point for

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cooperation with ISO and the WTO/TBT. Holder of a high-level degree in Statistics and Management Science, He was awarded as European Young Scientist in Operational Research in 1984. After a few years with the private sector (manufacturing and banking), he joined UNIDO in 1987 as a junior expert in Papua New Guinea. Its main field of specialization is trade capacity building with focus on Quality and safety Standards, Conformity Assessment, and industrial Upgrading. He has contributed to the development of the UNIDO Trade Capacity Building Approach which addresses competitiveness of producers and SMEs, compliance with market requirements and connecting producers in developing countries with national/regional/international value chains. In the last few years he is carry out research work and implementing large-scale national/regional upgrading programmes, agribusiness value chains, food traceability, and pro-poor suppliers' development programmes for global acceptance by retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers, mainly in Africa and the MEDA region.



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**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Born in London on August 26<sup>th</sup> 1949, David Nabarro studied at Oxford and London Universities and qualified as a physician in 1973. After a short period in the UK National Health Service he worked for six years in child health and nutrition programmes in Iraq, South Asia and East Africa, taught for six years at the London and Liverpool Schools of Tropical Medicine, served as Chief Health and Population Adviser to the British Government's Overseas Development Administration and in 1997 became Director for Human Development in the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

In 1999 he was selected to lead Roll Back Malaria at the World Health Organization (WHO). Within two years he was appointed Executive Director and two years later was asked to lead WHO's Department for Health Action in Crises, coordinating worldwide support for health aspects of crises preparedness, response and recovery. In September 2005 Dr. Nabarro joined the office of the UN Secretary General as Senior Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza.

In January 2009 he was given the additional responsibility of coordinating the UN system's High Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis and was appointed, in October, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Food Security and Nutrition.