

Conference on Trade, Development and Agriculture Concord Denmark and Danish Agriculture & Food Council

February 28th 2012, 10.00 – 15.00
Axelborg, Axeltorv 3, Copenhagen

The relationship between trade, development and agriculture is complex and increasingly interlinked. Trade can be a powerful engine for economic growth and development, but many developing countries have not yet gained from global trade. During the Danish EU Presidency the EU Commission will launch a revision of its Trade and Development Strategy, which aims to increase the integration of developing countries into the global trade. Furthermore, negotiations on the reform of EUs Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) are currently ongoing. Both could potentially have a significant impact on developing countries.

The global food crisis in 2008 showed that policy responses in trade, development and agriculture are intertwined and mutually reinforcing. Political decisions in one part of the world affect other parts of the world. The objective of this conference on Trade, Development and Agriculture is therefore to identify and discuss the positive and negative synergies between trade, development and agriculture – from the perspective of farmers in the EU and the developing countries.

The conference is jointly hosted by Concord Denmark and the Danish Agriculture & Food Council. The purpose of this unique collaboration is to further a strong and inclusive dialogue on these important issues between all relevant stakeholders.

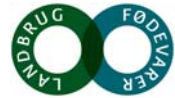
Participation

For participation please send an e-mail with your name and company/organisation to Ms. Eva Friis Mortensen, Danish Agriculture & Food Council, emo@lf.dk, no later than **Monday February 20th 2012**.

THE ORGANISATIONS BEHIND

Concord Denmark is a network of 40 Danish development organizations working for more coherent and fair EU development policies and the active involvement of civil society in EUs decision making. Concord Denmark is member of Concord Europe which represents 1800 development and humanitarian organizations across Europe.

Danish Agriculture & Food Council is a trade association representing agriculture, the food and agro industries. With annual exports in excess of EUR 13 billion, we represent one of Denmark's most important business sectors. Through innovation and promotion of the industry's contribution to global food supply as well as advanced agricultural management and production techniques, we work to ensure a strong position for agricultural and food producers in the value chain.



PROGRAMME

10.00 Registration

SESSION I: TRADE, DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Moderated by Danish Agriculture & Food Council

- 10.30 Post-2013 EU Common Agricultural Policy, Trade and Development: A way forward?
By Paul Goodison, European Research Office
- 10.50 Barriers and possibilities created by EU's trade and agricultural policies
By Spokesperson from the ACP (tbc)
- 11.10 The EU's CAP on the move in a changing world
By Leonard Mizzi, Head of Unit, DG-Agri, European Commission
- 11.30 Barriers and possibilities in sourcing food products from developing countries to European consumers
By Thomas Bagge Olesen, CEO, FDB (FDB owns Coop, Denmark's largest consumer goods retailer)
- 11.50 Ensuring a sustainable CAP in Europe which takes developing countries into consideration
By Mette Gjerskov, Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
- 12.10 Questions from the audience
- 12.35 Lunch

SESSION II: EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S INITIATIVE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Moderated by Concord Denmark

- 13.20 The contribution of EU's Trade and Development Communication to development and its interaction with the CAP
By Peter Thomson, Director DG Trade, European Commission (tbc)
- 13.40 European farmers' view on how to achieve coherence between agriculture, trade and development
By Pekka Pesonen, Secretary-General, Copa-Cogeca
- 14.00 Civil society perspectives on Trade and Development and how to ensure coherence in EU's trade, development and agricultural policies
By Oliver Consolo, Director, Concord Europe (tbc)
- 14.20 Increasing the future impact of Trade and Development
By Christian Friis Bach, Danish Minister for Development Cooperation
- 14.40 Questions from the audience