Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels

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Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels Stakeholder Meeting Braamfontein, Johannesburg, March 12th and 13th 2008

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 12th, 2008

08.30 – 09.00 h	Registration
Facilitator:	Dorah Lebelo
09.00 – 09.10 h	Welcome and introduction to the purpose of the meeting by facilitator
09:10 – 09: 30 h	 Welcome and address: Biofuels - challenges and opportunities for African farmers Ms Khamarunga Banda, co-chair of the RSB Social Impacts Working Group and National African Farmers' Union spokesperson
09:30 – 10:30 h	Potential Social and Environmental Impacts of Biofuels' Production Martina Otto, UNEP (tbc) Jean Philippe Denruyter, WWF International
10:30 - 11:00	Tea
11:00 – 11:30	Biofuels: Defining the Market Opportunity BP (representative tbd)
11:30- 12:00	The need for an international standard – Introduction to the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels Annie Sugrue, Coordinator, Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels' Social Impacts Working Group
12:00- 12:45 h	Facilitated discussion and question time
12:45– 14:00 h	Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 h	 Break-out session: Principles and Criteria for Environmental Performance In smaller groups, participants will discuss the draft principles related to environmental sustainability of biofuels and the specific criteria to define these principles. Main topics (not exhaustive): Biodiversity and conservation Sustainable agriculture (soil, water, air pollution) Land use changes Biotechnologies
15.30 - 15.45 h	Tea Break
15.45 - 16.30 h	 Break-out session: Principles and Criteria for Social Performance In smaller groups, participants will discuss the draft criteria related to the social impacts of biofuels. Main topics include: Community consultation Labor, land and water rights Rural development Food security
16.30 – 17:00 h	Report back, discussion and summary
18:00 – 21.00 h	Set Dinner for participants staying at hotel
	Thursday, March 13, 2008
09:00 – 9.30 h	Experience from other Round Tables - developing global sustainability standards in a multi-stakeholder context Rauriadh Petre, Solidaridad South Africa
9:30 – 10:00 h	Setting standards in Africa Anna Lerner, GTZ Mozambique (tbc)
10.00- 11.00 h	 Break-out session: Implementation In smaller groups, participants will discuss the barriers to implementing sustainability principles, the roles and responsibilities of various actors in the supply chain, and how the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels can contribute to the process.
11.00 – 11.30 h	Tea break
11.30 – 13.00 h	Report back, discussion and summary
13.00h	Closure of the meeting