

## ERD - EUROPEAN REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT

### *Food Crisis and the Development Potential of the Agricultural and Commodity Sector in Fragile Countries*

#### Workshop

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## PROGRAMME

Cambridge, United Kingdom, 17-18 March 2009

### DAY 1 - 17 MARCH

08:30-09:00	Registration of participants
09:00-10:15	Opening remarks Introduction <b>Giorgia Giovannetti</b> (University of Firenze and European University Institute) Welcome address by the European Commission <b>Françoise Moreau</b> (European Commission, DG Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States) Welcome address by the University of Cambridge <b>Shailaja Fennell</b> (University of Cambridge)
10:15-11:15	Chair: <b>Giorgia Giovannetti</b> (University of Firenze and European University Institute) <b>Alexander Sarris*</b> (Food and Agriculture Organization) and <b>George Rapsomanikis</b> (Food and Agriculture Organization) <i>Agricultural Food Commodity Markets and Vulnerability of African Economies</i> Discussant: <b>Luca Salvatici</b> (University of Molise)
11:15-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30-13:15	Chair: <b>Alexander Sarris</b> (Food and Agriculture Organization) <b>Andrew Mold*</b> (OECD Development Centre) and <b>Annalisa Prizzon</b> (OECD Development Centre) <i>Explaining Africa's Recent Export Performance and the Limited Gains from the Commodity Boom</i> <b>Luca Alinovi*</b> (Food and Agriculture Organization) and <b>Luca Russo</b> (Food and Agriculture Organization) <i>Features of Food Systems and Food Insecurity in Fragile States: Policy Implications</i> Discussants: <b>Pramila Krishnan</b> (University of Cambridge) and <b>Donato Romano</b> (University of Firenze)
13:15-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>

- 14:15-16:00 Chair: **William A. Amponsah** (Georgia Southern University)  
**Quentin Wodon\*** (World Bank) and  
**Hassan Zaman** (World Bank)  
*Higher Food Prices in Sub-Saharan Africa: Poverty Impact and Policy Responses*  
**Dick Durevall\*** (University of Gothenburg),  
**Josef Loening** (World Bank) and  
**Yohannes Ayalew Birru** (University of Sussex)  
*Inflation Dynamics and Food Prices in an Agricultural Economy: The Case of Ethiopia*  
Discussants: **Nadia Cuffaro** (University of Cassino) and  
**George Rapsomanikis** (Food and Agriculture Organization)
- 16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30-18:15 **Round Table – Fragile countries facing food and oil shocks – the boom and the bust**  
Moderator: **Giorgia Giovannetti** (University of Firenze and European University Institute)  
**Luca Alinovi** (Food and Agriculture Organization),  
**William A. Amponsah** (Georgia Southern University),  
**Marc Debois** (DG Development and Relations with ACP States, European Commission),  
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**Andrew Mold** (OECD Development Centre),  
**Luca Salvatici** (University of Molise) and  
**Stanlake Samkange** (World Food Programme, Uganda)
- 19:30 *Dinner*

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+ Michiel Keyzer will not be able to attend the round table, but he has already submitted written answers to the questions that will be addressed in the round table.

## DAY 2 - 18 MARCH

- 09:00-09.45 Chair: **Donato Romano** (University of Firenze)  
**Samuel Gayi\*** (UNCTAD) and  
**Milasoia Cherel-Robson** (UNCTAD)  
*WTO and the Challenges for African Agriculture*  
Discussant: **Lelio Iapadre** (University of L'Aquila and Johns Hopkins)
- 09:45-11.15 Short presentations  
Chair: **Shailaja Fennell** (University of Cambridge)  
**Ulf Narloch\*** (University of Cambridge) and  
**Unai Pascual** (University of Cambridge)  
*Modeling Household Decisions on Agrobiodiversity and Livelihood Diversification under Climatic Risk: Lessons from Eastern Ethiopia*  
**Kato Lambrechts** (Christian Aid)  
*Building Resilient Food Production in Fragile States*  
**Dwijen Rangnekar** (University of Warwick)  
*Protecting Plant Varieties in Kenya*  
**Zoltan Tiba** (University of Cambridge)  
*'New Famine' and Political Fragility: The Case of Malawi*
- 11:15-11.30 *Coffee break*

11:30-13:15

Chair: **Wendy Harcourt** (Society for International Development, Rome)

**Carlos Oya** (School of Oriental and African Studies)

***A Wage-Labour Path Out of Rural Poverty? Wage Labour Diversity in Rural Africa***

**Deborah Bryceson** (Glasgow University),

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**Prabirjit Sarkar** (University of Cambridge) and

**Ajit Singh\*** (University of Cambridge),

***Globalisation, Structural Adjustment and African Agriculture: Analytical and Policy Issues***

Discussant: **Liu Min Quan** (Center for Human and Economic Development Studies, Peking University)

13:15

*Lunch*

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\* denotes the presenter

### Objectives of the Workshop

This workshop aims at understanding the role of agriculture and commodity markets in countries in situation of fragility. Food insecurity usually stems from a combination of structural and triggering factors, as well as domestic and external forces. The workshop will explore and provide an overview of the factors at stake in the African continent and, more specifically, in African countries with fragile state institutions. The presentations focus on the impact on poverty, social stability and food-security of long-term processes such as the 'deagrarianization' transition, income diversification, global reforms and trends in trade and capital markets. At the same time, the workshop also deals with the role of the food price dynamics, investigating the poverty impact of the recent international food price shock as well as the driving food price determinants across African countries and in some country-cases. Since the welfare effects of a food crisis are also shaped by national coping strategies and external assistance, the workshop hosts papers on domestic and international responses in specific contexts, such as food relief in protracted crisis. Furthermore it explores the potential of leveraging rich endowments of agricultural and natural resource commodities to prompt a sustainable and shared process of economic development.

The debate over the two day workshop will be functional to draw policy implications in terms of national actions and donors' engagement. Moreover, it will also look at the consequences in terms of global trade, financial flows, labour market rules and governance.

Rapporteurs: **Christian Büger** (European University Institute),

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