

The Right to Food: How Can the UN Respond to the Global Food Crisis?

Wednesday April 23, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

German House, 2nd Floor

871 UN Plaza (1st Avenue at East 49th Street)

Preliminary Program

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 – 9:15

Welcome

H.E. Martin Ney, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN

Juergen Stetten, Director, FES New York

James A. Paul, Executive Director, GPF

9:15 – 9:45

Keynote Speaker: Introductory Remarks

Joachim von Braun, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Morning Session: The Current State of World Hunger

9:45 – 11:30

Panel 1: Trade, Population Growth and Rural Development

Katarina Wahlberg, Social and Economic Policy Coordinator, GPF

John Bongaarts, Vice President, Population Council

Víctor Suárez, Executive Director, Asociación Nacional de Empresas Comercializadoras del Campo (ANEC, Mexico)

Chair: Juergen Stetten (FES New York)

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. **Panel 2: Climate Change, Biofuel Production and Consumption**
Cynthia Rosenzweig, Senior Research Scientist, The Earth Institute at
Columbia University, Center For Climate Systems Research
Tad W. Patzek, Professor, University of California, Berkeley
Anna Lappé, Co-Founder, Small Planet Institute

Chair: H.E. Mr. Claude Heller, Ambassador of Mexico to the UN

1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session: How Can the UN Respond?

2:00 – 4:00 **Panel 3: Policy Responses**
Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Head of the Policy Development and Studies
branch, UN Office of the Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
Henk-Jan Brinkman, Chief, Food Security Policy and Markets, Policy
Planning and Strategy, World Food Program (WFP)
Beatrice Rogers, Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and
Policy
Fred Mousseau, Humanitarian Policy Advisor, Oxfam
John Russell, Lead Sector Specialist, Agriculture and Natural Resource
Management, World Vision, U.S.

Chair: James A. Paul (Global Policy Forum)

4:00 – 4:30 **Concluding Comments**
Renate Wilke-Launer, Journalist (Germany).

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