



# Agriculture & Rural Development Day

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## **“The road after Copenhagen: Priority strategies and actions for ensuring food security and rural development in the face of climate change”**

Agriculture and Rural Development Day will be held at the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen on 12 December 2009 coinciding with the United Nations Climate Negotiations (UNFCCC COP-15).

The main objective of the event is to lay the groundwork for a workplan of strategies and actions that will see agriculture fully incorporated into the post-Copenhagen agenda. Approximately 300 participants are expected. The Event will consist of an opening plenary with keynote presentations, roundtable discussions on specific themes, poster sessions and a closing plenary. The event will bring together policy makers and negotiators, rural development practitioners, producers, civil society and the agricultural and climate change scientific community. The event will identify the no-regret priorities for agriculture and food security – stressing the areas where the world needs to act regardless of exactly how climate change plays out locally.

We will focus discussions on the following key areas:

- The role of agriculture and farmers in adaptation and mitigation strategies;
- Future scenarios for agriculture, rural development and food security;
- Climate change as a development issue; and
- Innovations in the agricultural sector of relevance to the climate change agenda.

Roundtable topics include:

- Climate change impacts on agriculture;
- Policies and institutions;
- Agricultural responses for adaptation and mitigation; and
- Unlocking the potential of the carbon market for small farmers.

This event is being supported by a large consortium of partners, namely the [Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research \(CGIAR\)](#), the [CGIAR Challenge Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security \(CCAFS\)](#), the [Earth System Science Partnership \(ESSP\)](#), the [Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#), the [Global Donor Platform for Rural Development \(Platform\)](#), the [Global Forum on Agricultural Research \(GFAR\)](#), the [International Fund for Agricultural Development \(IFAD\)](#), the [International Federation of Agricultural Producers \(IFAP\)](#), the [International Food Policy Research Institute \(IFPRI\)](#) and the [University of Copenhagen \(KU\)](#).

Given the global significance of Agriculture and Rural Development Day, please forward this announcement to colleagues and relevant listserves.

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