

Ghana Strategy Forum
The Role of Agriculture in Achieving Middle Income Status
November 16, 2007, Banking College, Airport Residential Area, Accra

Program

Opening Session

9.00 – 10.30 Chairperson: Prof. G. Gyan-Baffour, Deputy Minister, Finance & Economic Planning

- Introduction – Shashi Kolavalli, Program Leader, GSSP
- Opening Remarks – Prof. G. Gyan-Baffour, Deputy Minister, Finance & Economic Planning
- Hon. Ernest Debrah, Minister of Food & Agriculture
- USAID Representative
- Joachim Von Braun, Director General, IFPRI

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

Session 1: Achieving middle income: the role of Agriculture

11: 00 – 13:00 Chairperson: Hon. J.H. Mensah (Sr. Minister & Head, NDPC)*

- **Agriculture in Ghana's Quest for Middle Income** by Xinshen Diao (IFPRI)
- Comments: Prof. G. Gyan-Baffour
- **Returns to Investments in Agriculture** by Sam Benin (IFPRI)
- Comments: Oku-Afari (Head, PAD-MoFEP)*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Session 2: Achieving inclusive agricultural growth

14:00 – 15:30 Chairperson: Dr. J.L.S. Abbey, Executive Director, CEPA

- **Service Delivery and Accountability** by Regina Birner (IFPRI)
- Comments: Dr. Ahmed Alhassan (MP, Miom)
- **National and District Assembly Expenditure Patterns** by Tewodaj Mogues (IFPRI)
- Comments: Dankwa, K.A. (Director, PBME-MLGRDE)

15:30 – 16:00 Cocoa Break

Session 3: Developing smallholder agriculture

16:00 – 17:30 Chairperson: Hon. Ernest Debrah, Minister of Agriculture

- **Targeting Smallholders** by Jordan Chamberlin (IFPRI)
- Comments: Dr. Gyiele Nurah (Chief Director – MOFA)
- **Servicing Smallholders: Scope of Business-Farmer Linkages** by Dr. Ramatu Alhassan (University of Ghana)
- Comments: Philip Abayori (President, NFFAWAG)
- **Productivity Increase on Cocoa Farms** Marcella Vigneri (ODI)
- Comments: Nana Yiadom Boakye Kokroko II (Cocoa Farmer)*

Closing: Remarks and Reception

17:30 – 18:00 Concluding Remarks and Way Forward – Shenggen Fan (IFPRI)

18:00 – 19:00 Reception

* To be confirmed