

## FARMING FIRST

A broad-based, knowledge-centred approach to agricultural development is needed. It starts with focusing on farmers and the tools and information they need to steward land, grow crops, then bring in their harvest and get it to markets.

# Farming First: Enhancing Sustainable Development through Agriculture

Tuesday 5 May 2009  
1.15pm to 2.45pm

Chair: Leonard Mizzi  
Head of Unit  
Agriculture Directorate General  
European Commission

UN Headquarters, New York  
Delegates Dining Rooms, 4th floor

Lunch will be available

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Addressing the common need for food, feed, fibre and fuel requires a global action plan to increase agricultural output in an environmentally sustainable, economically feasible, and socially responsible manner. Join us to discuss what is needed to achieve the goal of development through sustainable agriculture. Through roundtable discussions and a Q&A with experts, we will be sharing knowledge of successful experiences and looking at policy options that put farming first.

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Speakers:

**Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda**

Chief Executive Director, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

**Dr James Hansen**

International Research Institute for Climate and Society, Columbia University

**Serge Benstrong**

President, Farmers' Association of Seychelles

**Sarala Gopalan**

Women's Representative  
National Institute of Agriculture of India

**Julie Howard**

Executive Director, Partnership to cut hunger and Poverty in Africa

**Antonio Galindez**

Vice President Crop Platform, Dow AgroSciences

**Thomas Rosswall**

Chair, CGIAR-ESSP Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security Challenge Programme