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Data: the next revolution for agriculture in ACP countries

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Programme

12h00-14h00 Registration and Lunch

14h00-14h15 Introduction of the Briefing: *Isolina Boto, Manager, CTA Brussels Office*

Introductory remarks: *Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni, Secretary-General, ACP Secretariat; Bernard Rey, Deputy Head of Unit DEVCO/C1, Food security, rural development, nutrition EuropeAid, European Commission; Michael Hailu Director of CTA*

14h15-16h00 Panel 1: The Data revolution: from data collection to real-time digital data

This panel will review the key challenges and opportunities for data revolution of relevance to the agricultural sector in ACP countries and the lessons learned from various information systems.

Panelists:

- What could the data revolution bring to agriculture in ACP countries?
Chris Addison, Senior Coordinator, Knowledge management, Isolina Boto, CTA
- Data for Development: Evidence and Policy
Morten Jerven, Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University
- Can data revolution improve food security?
Maximo Torero, Division Director of the Markets, Trade, and Institutions Division, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- Strengthening statistical capacity in ACP countries: lessons learned
Pietro Gennari, Chief Statistician and Director FAO Statistics Division

16h00-16h15 Coffee break

16h15-18h00 Panel 2: New opportunities for agriculture in the data revolution

This panel will look at examples and drivers of successes related to data for agricultural development and how those could be expanded, upscaled and replicated.

Panelists:

- Open data for Africa and the Africa Information Highway (AIH)
Adam Abdoulaye, Expert, Statistical Capacity Building Division, African Development Bank
- How can farmer's organizations benefit from ICTs application to agriculture?
Theo de Jager, President, Panafrican Farmers Organisation and President Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)
- Precision agriculture in Africa: What are challenges and opportunities ahead?
Ulrich Adam, EU Secretary General at CEMA – European Agricultural Machinery
- How governments can use open data for the benefit of ACP countries
Stéphane Boyera, Founder and CEO of SBC4D

Conclusion