

Invitation

Millions Fed: Proven Successes in Agricultural Development

Monday, November 23, 2009

4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Followed by Reception

In the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Room
(Just Off Westminster Hall)
Houses of Parliament
London SW1A 0AA

Speakers

Camilla Toulmin – Introductory Remarks

David J. Spielman – Overview

Peter B. R. Hazell – The Green Revolution

Peter Roeder – Eradicating Rinderpest

Rajul Pandya-Lorch – Lessons Learned

Christie Peacock – Reflections on Implications

Hosted By the APPG Agriculture and Food for Development

Learning from successes in agricultural development is now more urgent than ever. Progress in feeding the world's billions has slowed, while the challenge of feeding its future millions remains enormous and is subject to new uncertainties in the global food and agricultural systems.

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), with support from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, embarked on a project to *identify and assess interventions* in agricultural development that have substantially reduced hunger and poverty; to *document evidence* about where, when, and why these interventions succeeded; to *learn* about the key drivers and factors underlying success; and to *share lessons* to help inform better agricultural policy and investment decisions in the future. Following a rigorous review process, the project ultimately identified 20 proven successes in agricultural development. This event will present what worked, why it worked, and what we can learn from these successes.

Camilla Toulmin is director of the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED); *David J. Spielman* is research fellow in the Knowledge, Capacity, and Innovation Division at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI); *Peter B. R. Hazell* was formerly director of the Development Strategy and Governance Division at IFPRI and is now retired and living in the UK; *Peter Roeder* is an independent veterinary consultant specializing in control of transboundary animal diseases; *Rajul Pandya-Lorch* is chief of staff in the Director General's Office and head of the 2020 Vision Initiative at IFPRI; and *Christie Peacock* is chief executive of Farm Africa.

Complimentary copies of the booklet, *Highlights of Millions Fed: Proven Successes in Agricultural Development*, will be available at the event.

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