



**31st Session of the Committee on World Food Security
23-26 May 2005**

**Special Event on
The Green Revolution in Africa**

24 May 2005 - Green Room

Provisional Programme

Objectives

- Discussion on the role of research and technology dissemination and adoption as key elements of a long-term sustainable strategy for agricultural development in Africa;
- Discussion on the main components that require more short-term actions and investments to avert food insecurity in Africa.

High-Level Segment

- 15:00 – 15:05 Welcome by the Director-General, FAO
- 15:05 – 15:15 Statement by the Chair: His Excellency Absalom Themba Dlamini
Prime Minister of Swaziland
- 15:10 – 15:20 Statement by Mrs Rosebud Kurwijila, African Union Commissioner for
Rural Economy and Agriculture
- 15:15 – 15:25 Statement by the Director-General
- 15:25 - 15:30 Closure of High-Level Segment by the Chair

Technical Segment

- 15:30 – 15:45 Presentation of background document by Dietrich E. Leihner,
Director, Research, Extension and Training Division, FAO
- 15:45 – 16:45 Statements by Panel Members
Mr Monty Jones, Executive Secretary, FARA
Mr Paco Sereme, Executive Secretary, CORAF/WECARD
Mr Wilberforce Kisamba-Mugerwa, Director, ISNAR
Mr Mahmoud Solh, Director, Plant Production & Protection Division, FAO
Mr Samuel Jutzi, Director, Animal Production & Health Division, FAO
Mr Prabhu Pingali, Director, Agricultural & Development Economics Division,
FAO
- 16:45 – 17:15 Open discussion
- 17:15 – 17:30 Summing up