

**UNCTAD Ad-hoc Expert Meeting on Facilitating Access of
Small Organic Farmers in Developing Countries to Supermarket Shelves**

10-11 December 2009, Palais des Nations, Room VII, Geneva

Draft Agenda

Day One: 10 December 2009: Overview of the Problem and Options for Solutions

9:30 Welcoming remarks, Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

9:45 Introduction to the Meeting, Dr. Ulrich Hoffmann, Head, Trade and Sustainable Development Section, Division on International Trade (DITC), UNCTAD secretariat

10:00 Overview of Global Gap and Organic Schemes (e.g. history, objectives, B2B vs. B2C), Elmé Coetzer, GlobalGAP secretariat and Diane Bowen, IFOAM secretariat

10:20 Practical experiences in producing, trading, sourcing and certifying doubly certified organic-GLOBALGAP products

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Purpose and scope of the comparative study on the GLOBALGAP fruit and vegetable standard and the EU organic agriculture regulation, Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD secretariat

14:15 Presentation of the key findings of the comparative study, Eva Mattson, consultant to UNCTAD

14:45 Discussion on the results and recommendations of the study, particularly practical options for achieving partial equivalence between GLOBALGAP and organic certification systems or other arrangements to streamline the certification process at the scheme level for dual certifications

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Discussion, cont'd

18:00 Wrap up of Day One

18:30 Welcome Cocktail, Delegates restaurant, 8th floor above General Assembly Hall, Building A

Day Two: 11 December 2009: The Way Forward

9:30 Introduction to the day, Dr. Sophia Twarog, Trade and Sustainable Development Section, DITD, UNCTAD secretariat

Roadmap of activities for further development and implementation of partial equivalence or other arrangements to streamline the certification process at the scheme level for dual certifications (e.g. further analysis, discussion, field testing and operationalization of equivalence approaches)

9:45 Discussions

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Cont'd Discussion

16:00 Wrap up of Day Two and Close of meeting