



JOINT UNCTAD/WTO INFORMAL INFORMATION SESSION ON PRIVATE STANDARDS

Monday, 25 June 2007

PROGRAMME

10.00 – 10.15 **Welcome –
and Introduction** Marinus P.C. HUIGE, Chairman (designate) SPS
Committee
Ulrich HOFFMANN, Senior Economic Affairs Officer,
International Trade Division, UNCTAD

10.15 -12.00 **SESSION 1: PRIVATE STANDARDS SCHEMES**

Overview of different types of private standards schemes:

- Global Food Safety Initiative Kevin SWOFFER, Director, KPS Resources Ltd
- EurepGAP Nigel GARBUTT, Chairman,
Johannes KERN, Observer for Africa in the EurepGAP
sector committees,
Angelo LAZO, EurepGAP Equivalence Expert
- ISO Kevin MCKINLEY, Deputy Secretary General,
ISO Central Secretariat,
Albert CHAMBERS, Working Group Expert
on food safety management
- Tesco Stephen COX, Produce Director, CMi Certification
- Q&A

12.00 – 13.00 **SESSION 2: CASE STUDIES**

Presentation of different national experiences:

- Presentation of UNCTAD case studies
 - Africa – Musa Kiggundu MUWANGA, National Coordinator, National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda
 - Asia – Christie F. ROBERT, Managing Director, QA Plus Asia, Malaysia
 - Latin America – Alfredo C.O. LOBO, Director, Quality Management, National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO), Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade, Brazil

13.00 – 14.30 lunch break

14.30 – 16.00 SESSION 2: CASE STUDIES (CONTINUED)

Further case studies:

- Spencer HENSON, Professor, University of Guelph
- Linda FULPONI, Senior Economist, Directorate for Trade and Agriculture, OECD
- Comparison of national experiences - René VOSSENAAR, Consultant (formerly with UNCTAD)

- Q&A

16.00 – 17.15 SESSION 3: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

Implications of private standards in terms of relevance for market access, development issues and WTO/trade rules:

- Secretary, TBT Committee Erik WIJKSTRÖM

- FAO Pascal LIU, Trade Economist, Trade and Markets Division

- ISEAL Alliance Elizabeth GUTTENSTEIN, Policy Director,
(Brussels Office)

- Q & A

**17.15 – 17.30 Conclusions and closing remarks Ulrich HOFFMANN
Marinus P.C. HUIGE**