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### **INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE ON FOOD SECURITY**

**Wednesday 10 September 2008, 15.00 – 18.30**

**Brussels**

**Room PHS 5B001**

- 15:00-15:05 Welcome and opening remarks by **Neil Parish**  
Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
- 15:05-15:10 Introduction by **MEP Mairead McGuinness**, rapporteur on the Common Agricultural Policy and global food security
- 15:10-15:20 **Dr. Jacques Diouf**, director-general of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations *"A world agenda for food security"*
- 15:20-15:40 Question and answer session
- African farmers' perspective and experience on the ground**
- 15:40-15:50 **Mr Philip Macharia Kiriro**, President Eastern Africa Farmers Federation  
*"How do African farmers perceive the current global rise in food prices?"*
- 15:50-16:00 **Sister Nora McNamara**, missionary nun with great experience of agriculture in the developing world; *"What is needed in the field - practical advice for policies towards developing countries"*
- 16:00-16:10 **Mr Ndiogou Fall**, President of ROPPA - Network of farmers and producer organisations in West Africa; *"Farmer perception on global food crisis, challenges from competition and expectations from African policy makers"*
- 16:10-17:00 Exchange of views. Question and answer session
- Institutional responses**
- 17:00-17:10 **Mr Edson Mpyisi**, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission; *"African Union response to food crisis and means to cooperate with the EU; mutual expectations"*
- 17:10-17:20 **H.E. Ibrahim Bocar Ba**, Ambassador of Mali in Brussels  
*"EU-Mali cooperation; a litmus test for relations with the developing world"*
- 17:20-17:30 **Mr Tom Arnold**, Chief Executive of Concern Worldwide; *"European cooperation with third countries, the role of NGOs and the global trade system"*
- 17:30-18:20 Exchange of views. Question and answer session
- 18:20-18:30 Conclusions