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Rewriting the Rules... ...to secure our future food

UK FOOD GROUP

Monday 28th September 2009, Dragon Hall, London

PROGRAMME

Chair: Prof. Elisabeth Dowler¹

Professor, Food and Social Policy, University of Warwick. Member, DEFRA's Food Policy Council

10:00	Registration	Arrivals and coffee
10:30	Introductions	UKFG Co-Chair Linda Craig and Liz Dowler
10:40	Keynote address Questions	Geoff Tansey ² Joseph Rowntree Visionary
<i>"we need to see better, more just rules and rule making processes that are supportive of the sharing of knowledge, scientific and technical skills about food and developing poor producers' livelihoods."</i>		
11:20	Panel presentations Clarifications	
Patrick Mulvany	Co-chair UKFG and Senior Policy Adviser, PracticalAction,	Towards food sovereignty – changing access, and control of the food system
Hellen Yago Kerstin Lanje	Dairy farmer from Eldoret, Kenya Senior Adviser World Trade and Food, Germanwatch (lead consortium member of the EC project 'African smallholders in focus')	Removing trade threats including those from the EU's Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs).
Michel Pimbert	Director Sustainable Agriculture, Biodiversity and Livelihoods; International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)	Changing 'models of production'
Saquina Mucavele	ROSA, Mozambique (Rede de ONGs/ Associações em Serviço da Agricultura e Segurança Alimentar)	Recognising and supporting rural women's contribution
Julian Oram	Head of Policy, World Development Movement (WDM)	Preventing speculation in food
Helen Rimmer	Food Chain campaigner, Friends of the Earth	Changing livestock production and consumption
13:00	LUNCH	

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13:45	Working groups	
Topic	Moderator	Resource person(s)
Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)	Jeanette Longfield	Kerstin Lanje, Hellen Yego,
Access to productive resources	Patrick Mulvany	Geoff Tansey
Agricultural models of production	Michel Pimbert	Barnaby Peacocke
Refocusing on small-scale food providers	Dan Taylor	Ruchi Tripathi, Saquina Mucevo, Chris Wardle
Changing consumption and trade	Linda Craig	Helen Rimmer, Liz Dowler
Speculation in food prices	Christopher Jones	Julian Oram
15:00	Plenary	Reflections
	Henry Richard Kimera	Consent, Uganda
	Saquina Mucavele	ROSA, Mozambique
	Hellen Yego	Dairy farmer, Eldoret Kenya
15:45	Closing comments	Liz Dowler and UKFG Co-Chair Patrick Mulvany
16:00	Conference ends	Tea and depart
<i>16:30</i>	<i>Optional informal meeting to prepare for EFSG in Brussels on 5 October</i>	

The outputs of the meeting will include a list of 'achievable' changes. They will contribute to our joint EC project consortium's work on trade and agriculture, focused on African smallholders, and will inform participants and UK Food Group members in key meetings in the UK, Europe and internationally. The outputs will also contribute to the discourse on healing our dysfunctional food system that leaves one billion hungry and makes one billion obese, forces small-scale food providers off the land and their fishing grounds, and threatens the environment: they should help towards the realisation of food sovereignty.

1. *Liz Dowler is a member of the Food Ethics Council and the UK National Heart Forum. Recent publications, with colleagues, include "Reconnecting Consumers, Producers and Food: Exploring Alternatives".*

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