

The UK Food Group invites you to our EuropAfrica Conference on 24 September

# Securing Future Food

Speakers include: Caroline Lucas MP, Prof. Olivier De Schutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food and African farmers' leaders



When: 24 September 2010 from 10:00 until 16:30

Where: Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

*"The world's food futures are in the balance. Not only in regions such as sub-Saharan Africa where hunger is endemic in many countries, but in all regions, North and South, the sustainability of food supplies is threatened. The livelihoods of the small-scale food providers who produce, harvest and collect most of the food we eat, are being eliminated. And the productive, biodiverse environment and its natural wealth, which are used for food provision, are becoming increasingly degraded."*

Securing Future Food: towards ecological food provision. UK Food Group 2010 (see: [www.ukfg.org.uk](http://www.ukfg.org.uk))

The UK Food Group is organising this EuropAfrica conference in the run up to World Food Day and the FAO Committee on World Food Security (CFS) to explore approaches and models of production that put food for

people at the centre of policy and practice in both Africa and Europe. The conference will focus especially on ecological food provision and strengthening local food webs as a way to achieve a more equitable food system. It will ask how European and African regional policies can help realise this.

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This conference will examine UK, European and African regional approaches to providing food for the majority and how this will be produced and by whom. This is in order to improve access to food in ways that also secures livelihoods, sustains the environment and will help realise people's Right to Food and food sovereignty.

Confirmed speakers include leaders of West, Central and East African farmers' regional networks (ROPPA, PROPAC, EAAF). Caroline Lucas MP, Prof. Olivier De Schutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, a representative of the European Commission's

Development Division as well as UK/European NGOs.

The agenda includes formal presentations; interactive panels presenting and discussing key issues; a breakout session in moderated groups to examine issues in greater depth and determine actions that can be developed to promote solutions; and a roundup session at which we anticipate the EC will reflect on our proposals and suggest how to promote these in policy spaces, including those created by the new EC Communication on food security. A full agenda will be posted on the UK Food Group website [www.ukfg.org.uk](http://www.ukfg.org.uk)

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### EuropAfrica

This conference is organised by the UK Food Group, as part of EuropAfrica, an EC funded public awareness raising project, with European NGOs (Terra Nuova, CSA, Centro Internazionale Crocevia, UK Food Group/Practical Action and GAIA Foundation, Hungary) and the African Farmers' Regional Networks (ROPPA, PROPAC, EAAF). More information can be found at: [www.europafrika.info/en/](http://www.europafrika.info/en/)

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