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| https://myintracomm.ec.europa.eu/corp/comm/VisualIdentity/PublishingImages/Logos/Horizontal/Positive/jpg/low/logo-ce-horizontal-en-quadri-lr.jpg**Programme**  **SEMINAR**  **“Stepping up Africa-EU cooperation in agriculture and the recommendations of the Task Force for Rural Africa"**  **6-7 March 2019**  \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  **Visit Organisers and Logistics**  Name Heike Libbach, Cornelia Smet  Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development  Address: European Commission, Rue de la Loi 130, B-1049 Brussels  Telephone +32(0)2 29-53290  GSM +32 (0)460 76 65 24  E-Mail AGRI-MEDIA@ec.europa.eu  Number of visitors up to 30  Conference rooms 6 March: L102 (rue de la Loi 102, 1000 Brussels)  7 March**:** BERLAYMONT(200 rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussel)  **YOU should ensure to have your identity cards or passports with you at all times, as you will be asked to show them when entering Commission buildings.**  **In case of delay please call your visit organisers.**  **Security control**: Please note that you will be asked to pass through an obligatory control (x-ray machines and walk-through detectors) when entering the building.  1 = Hotel, 2 = Meeting place 6 March, 3 = Meeting place 7 March |

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| **Wednesday 6 March 2019** | |
| morning | **Arrival and check in at the** **hotel –** [**Aloft Brussels Schuman**](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/brual-aloft-brussels-schuman/)  Place Jean Rey, 1040 Brussels, tel. +32 2 800 08 88 |
| 14:00 | **Check in at the entrance of meeting venue**  Meeting room: rue de la Loi 102, 1049 Brussels  We will meet at the reception and accompany you to the meeting room |
| 14:30 – 14:40 | **Introduction and welcome address**  L102, auditorium  DG AGRI.B.1 |
| 14:40 - 16:10 | **Africa-EU cooperation in agriculture: state of play**  Willi Schulz-Greve - head of unit DG AGRI.A1  Leonard Mizzi - head of unit DG DEVCO.C1  Agnieszka Romanowicz - DG AGRI.B2  Remco Vahl – DG TRADE.D2  Moderator: Mike Mackenzie - DG AGRI.C1  Qs&As |
| 16:10 – 16:30 | **Coffee break** |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | **The business experience on the ground**  Oluwabunmi David Ajilore - Strategic Foresight/International (Agriculture) Development Consultant, Nigeria  Graciano Julio Francisco - Zambezia Province rural development authorities, Mozambique  Baudouin Michel - Operations director African Parks Network, South Africa; Director de l‘Ecole Régionale Postuniversitaire d’Aménagement et de Gestion intégrés des Forêts et Territoires tropicaux ‐ UNESCO, DRC  Moderator: Mike Mackenzie - DG AGRI.C1  Qs&As |
| 19:30 – 21:30 | **Networking dinner – place tbc**  Hosted by DG AGRI.B.1 |

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| **Thursday 7 March 2019** | |
| 8:30 | **Check in Berlaymont building**  Rue de la Loi 200, 1049 Brussels |
| 9:00 – 10:20 | **The EU and FAO cooperation to achieve food security for all: experience on the ground**  BERL -1, Aquarium 4, 200 rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels  Rodrigo de Lapuerta - director Liaison Office FAO with the EU and Belgium  Leonard Mizzi - head of unit DG DEVCO.C1  Moderator: Willi Schulz-Greve - head of unit DG AGRI.A1  Qs&As |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | **Press point: the final report of the TFRA**  VIP press corner – BERL, 200 rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels  Phil Hogan - Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development  H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko - Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission  Tom Arnold - Chairman of the TFRA (and members of the TFRA) |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | **Technical briefing: the recommendations of the Task Force for Rural Africa (TFRA)**  Press room – BERL - 200 rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels  Willi Schulz-Greve - head of unit DG AGRI.A1  Leonard Mizzi - head of unit DG DEVCO.C1  Members of the TFRA  Moderator: Daniel Rosario – Spokespersons’ service of the European Commission  Qs&As |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Farmers’ organisations: experiences and perspectives in Africa**  Aquarium 4 - BERL, 200 rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels  Kees Blokland - Managing director, Agriterra  Regis Meritan, DG DEVCO.C1  Pirkko Suhonen - Managing director of Vaalan Juustola  Moderator: Eleftheria Vounouki - DG AGRI.A1  Qs&As |
| 13:00 | **End – journalists leave for airport** |