

THE STUDY CIRCLE FOR DEVELOPMENT ISSUES / SKOV

cordially invites you, members, students and other interested persons to a Seminar on:

The Microfinance Crisis and Food Security

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2013 at 14:00 h

Venue: Hotel De Nieuwe Wereld, Marijkeweg 5, 6709 PE Wageningen

Programme:

13:40 **Welcome**, coffee, tea

14:00 **Opening** by ir Cor de Jong, president of SKOV

14:05 **Introduction to the seminar** by today's chair, drs Klaas Molenaar, lector Financial Inclusion and New Entrepreneurship, 'Haagse Hogeschool'

14:15 **Recent developments in Microfinance** by prof. dr B.W, Lensink, professor of Finance and Development, Wageningen UR

14:40 **Improving food security and options for microfinance** by dr ir Ferko Bodnar, inspector Policy and Operations Evaluation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

15:05 **Microfinance: the Oikocredit experience** by mr Gert van Maanen, former general manager of Oikocredit International and Chair of the Microfinance Centre for Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Republics, Warsaw

15:30 **Tea break**

15:50 **Microfinance and impact investment in agriculture** by drs ing. Hedwig Siewertsen, managing director d.o.b. equity investments, Veessen

16:15 **Microfinance: possibilities and limitations** by ir Albert Boogaard, regional manager Africa and Latin America, Rabobank Foundation, Utrecht

16:25 **Plenary discussion.** Chaired by drs Klaas Molenaar

18:00 **Closure** by ir Cor de Jong, followed by 'Drinks and Bites' for all participants

19:00 **Dinner (optional)** at "Au Bord du Port" for speakers and participants

Participation in the Seminar, including aperitif, is free of charge. However, registration is required.

Please register by "reply" e-mail to huydtsbm@pt.lu or by surface mail to the Secretariat of SKOV (see below) by September 28, 2013. Subsidized dinner fee is € 20,-- for old and new SKOV members and € 30,-- for non-members (payment in cash on the spot). Please indicate 'vegetarian' or 'non-vegetarian'. **Dinner registration is required and binding.**

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