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Studiekring voor Landbouweconomie

the study circle on **DEVELOPMENT ISSUES / SKOV** and
the study circle on **AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS / SLE**

cordially invite you to a seminar on

The World Food Problem

Present situation and perspectives under various scenarios

December 16, 2009, 14:00 h Hof van Wageningen (formerly WICC, IAC)

Programme (h)

- 14:00 Opening by ir Jan Bouwhuis, deputy general of SKOV
- 14:10 "Hunger and food markets after the 2008 crisis: prospects, and possible reforms" by Professor dr Michiel Keyzer, director of the Centre for World Food Studies / SOW-VU, Amsterdam
- 14:55 "*The importance of adequate food policies at global, OECD, European and national levels, and their intended impact*" by professor dr Gerrit Meester, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development / OECD, Paris
- 15:30 Tea break
- 16:00 *Comments and statements* by dr ir Niek Koning, Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy Group, Wageningen University and Research Centre / WUR
- 16:15 *Comments and statements* by mr Hans van den Heuvel, coordinator Agriculture and Food security, Directorate of Sustainable Economic Development / DDE of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Development Cooperation, The Hague
- 16:30 *Plenary discussion* chaired by ir Bram Huijsman, director Wageningen International /WUR
- 17:30 Closure by dr ir Koos Gardebroek, president of SLE; drinks & bites
- 18:30 Dinner (optional) with speakers and participants

To date about a billion of people go hungry. During the last Food Summit at FAO Headquarters in Rome, world leaders unanimously adopted a declaration pledging renewed commitment to eradicate hunger from the face of the earth at the earliest date.

Countries represented at the Summit agreed to reverse the decline in domestic and international funding for agriculture, to promote new investment in the sector, and to actively face the challenges of climate change to food security.

Unfortunately, the world leaders failed to pledge sufficient funds to effectively work towards these strategic goals.

What to do?

Participation in the seminar is free of charge. Registration by e-mail before 12 December is highly appreciated: huydtsbm@pt.lu

Subsidized dinner fee is € 20,-- (payment on the spot). Please indicate vegetarian or non-vegetarian. Dinner registration is required and binding.

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