HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF 2012 SESSION OF ECOSOC
LUNCHEON DISCUSSION
"Promoting Decent Work in Rural Areas for Achieving Food Security"
3rd July 2012, 1:00-2:45 p.m.

The Beekman Hotel
3 Mitchell Place (E 49th St. & 1st Ave)
New York, New York 10017

AGENDA

- Opening by the Chair

- Joint Statement by co-sponsors

- Panel discussion (based on topics below)

    o Introduction by Moderator

    o Panel composition

        ▪ Government representative

        ▪ Trade Union representative

        ▪ Farmer Organization representative

        ▪ Private sector representative

    o Discussion facilitated by moderator

    o Wrap-up by moderator

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- What are the key constraints that undermine people's access to decent work opportunities, sustainable agriculture and food security in rural areas? How can decent work and a social protection floor, including safety net programmes help to address those constraints and help achieve food security?

- What should be the priorities at the global, regional and national levels for promoting more and better jobs for women and men and particularly for young people in rural areas and the agricultural sector?

- How can progress in delivering on commitments be accelerated? What UN-wide mechanisms should be reinforced? What approaches are proving to be successful (e.g. territorial, organizational, integrated, cluster, value chain, etc.)? What is the role of the different stakeholders within these approaches, in particular workers', employers', and producers' organizations in helping to reduce food insecurity and protect livelihoods?

- How can policy coherence be improved in order to promote decent work and rural employment and thereby contribute to the achievement of food security for all? What needs to be done to ensure that employment creation is placed at the centre of investments in agricultural and rural development?

- Which specific measures are needed to increase rural women's and rural youth's access to decent work and participation in decision-making processes? Are there examples of good practices in this area; what results have been achieved?