

Expert Consultation on the likely Impacts of an EU-India Free Trade Agreement on the Right to Food

Date: April 11-12, 2011

Venue: Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

DAY 1

Timing	Programme Schedule for First Day : Monday April 11, 2011
09.00 am	Welcome, Aims and organization issues of the Consultation (Dr. Axel Harneit - Sievers, Heinrich Böll Foundation, India)
09.10 am	Objectives and program of the consultation, Sagari Ramdas, Anthra.
09.20 am	Brief round of introductions.
09.40 am	Human Rights Impact Assessments on Trade Agreements: Approach and Methodology: Armin Paasch, Misereor).
10.30 am	Overview on FTA provisions with a possible impact on agriculture and food security (Input: Ranja Sengupta, TWN).
11.10 am	Coffee Break
11.30 am	Trade in goods: likely impact on poultry and dairy producers: presentations and discussion of pre studies (Inputs: Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Indian Institute of Management, and Prof. Rajesh Mehta, RIS, New Delhi)
12.30 pm	Lunch Break
1.30 pm	Possible indicators for violations of the right to food (Christine Chemnitz, Heinrich Böll Foundation)
1.45 pm	Likely impact on the food security of dairy farmers: Yudhvir Singh (President, BKU) and discussion along indicators.
2.30 pm	Likely impact on the food security of poultry farmers: Ricky Thapar, Poultry Federation of India, and discussion along indicators.
3.15 pm	Likely impact on food security of smallholder backyard poultry farmers- particularly adivasis: Mr Pandu Dora, Adivasi Aikya Vedika.
4.00 pm	Conclusions on threats to the right to food and recommendations.
4.45 pm	Tea Break
5.00 pm	Investment and Services: Likely impact on small retailers and food suppliers: presentation of pre-studies (Inputs: Vinay Ranjan, Researcher, and Marita Wiggerthale, Oxfam Germany).
5.45 pm	Possible indicators for threats of the right to food: Armin Paasch (Misereor)
6.00 pm	End of the first day.

DAY 2

Timing	Programme Schedule for Second Day : Tuesday April 12, 2011
9: 00 am	Likely impact on food security of small retailers: Shaktiman Ghosh (National Hawkers Federation) and discussion along indicators.
9.45 am	Likely impact on food security of smallholders in the supply chain (Inputs Mr. Chandra Shekhar (President Karnataka Rajya Raiyyata) and Suresh Kadasen (FDI Watch, Bangalore)
10.30 am	Coffee Break
10.45 am	Conclusions on threats of the right to food through the retail deregulation through the FTA and recommendations.
11.30 am	Investment: Likely impact of Foreign Direct Investment in land on rural communities (Inputs: Shefali Sharma (IATP) and P.V Rajagopal (Vice Chairman of Gandhi Peace Foundation and President Ekta Parishad)
12.30 pm	Lunch Break
1.30 pm	Conclusions on likely impacts on the right to food of rural communities
2.30 pm	Public Procurement: Likely impact on suppliers of the food distribution system (Inputs: Himanshu, Assistant Professor, Centre for Studies in Regional Development (CSR), JNU, New Delhi; Madhukar Sinha, Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi)
3.30 pm	Conclusions on likely impact on the right to food of suppliers and recipients of the public distribution system.
4.00 pm	Coffee Break
4.15 pm	Follow-up activities: Next steps towards the HRIA and possible activities make the HRIA relevant for the affected groups
6.00 pm	Vote of Thanks (Ashutosh Saxena -South Asian Research & Development Initiative).