



SYMPOSIUM

organised by **Prof. Ismail SERAGELDIN**

chair Knowledge against Poverty - AFD

TO ABOLISH HUNGER

May 19–20, 2011

Once again we are on the verge of a food crisis, and still nearly a billion people do not have enough to eat. To fight this injustice, we will need everyone's involvement. With the G-20 meeting of agriculture ministers fast approaching, Ismail Serageldin, holder of the Collège's chair Knowledge against poverty–AFD, is gathering eminent scientists, practitioners, philosophers and politicians for an exchange on solutions on how we might end this plague. Such luminaries as Peter Doherty and Wole Soyinka, Nobel laureates in medicine and literature respectively ; Yolanda Kakabadse, Chair of WWF International and David Beckmann, Chairman of Bread for the world, will be on hand to discuss their ideas for a global plan to eradicate hunger. A variety of perspectives to support the ideas that Prof. Serageldin laid out at the end of his inaugural lecture, inviting us to become the "new abolitionists." ■

Thursday 19 May

2:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony

Ismail SERAGELDIN and **Dov ZERAH**, Chief Executive Officer, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

2:30 p.m. The Role of Science

Moderator: **Ismail SERAGELDIN**

Speakers : **Nina FEDOROFF**, Science and Technology Adviser to the U.S. Secretary of State

Jeffrey MCNEELY, Chief Scientist, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland

Mahmoud SOLH, Director General, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Syria

Roelof RABBINGE, Professor of Sustainable Development and Food Security, President of University of Wageningen, Netherlands

Marc VAN MONTAGU, Chairman, European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB), Belgium

Ingo POTRYKUS, former Professor of Plant Sciences, Institut of Zürich, Co-inventor of "Golden Rice"

4:00 p.m. Break

4:15 p.m. Making Things Happen

Moderator: **Margaret CATLEY-CARLSON**, Global Water Partnership, Sweden

Speakers: **Prabhu L. PINGALI**, Director, Agricultural and Development Economics Division, FAO, Italie

Partha DASGUPTA, Professor of Economics, University of Cambridge

Phillip PARDEY, Professor of Science and Technology Policy, University of Minnesota

Klaus AMMAN, Editor, Environmental Biosafety Research

Pierre JACQUET, Chief economist, AFD

5:45 p.m. Keynote Address

Wole SOYINKA, Nigerian writer, Nobel Laureate in Literature

6:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

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Programme and speaker biographies, visit:

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Friday 20 May

9:00 a.m. Introduction

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9:15 a.m. Promoting Successful Action

Moderator: **Kevin CLEAVER**, Associate Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Speakers: **Uma LELE**, Expert in international economic development
Norman UPHOFF, Professor of Government and International Agriculture, Cornell University

Adel EL-BELTAGY, Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, Ain Shams University

Peter GLEICK, Co-founder and President of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security, USA

Michel GRIFFON, President, Science Committee, French Global Environment Facility (FFEM)

Philippe KOURILSKY, Chair of Molecular Immunology, Collège de France

11:00 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Practitioners

Moderator: **Peter SINGER**, Professor of Bioethics, Princeton University

Speakers: **Bunker ROY**, Founder-Director, Barefoot College (Social Work and Research Center), India

Yolanda KAKABADSE, Chairman, WWF International

Florence WAMBUGU, Founder, Director and CEO, Africa Harvest Biotech Foundation International

Klaus M. LEISINGER, President and CEO, Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development, Swiss

Ashok KHOSLA, President IUCN, Swiss

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Keynote Address

Peter DOHERTY, Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, USA

3:15 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. Decision-Makers

Moderator: **Ismail SERAGELDIN**

Speakers: **Nicéphore SOGLO**, Former President of Benin, Mayor of Cotonou

Kanayo NWANZE, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Italy

Dov ZERAH, CEO, AFD

David BECKMANN, Chairman, Bread for the World, USA

5:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

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Conferences will be held in English with interpreters on hand for simultaneous translation into French.