The International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC) and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace are pleased to present a discussion on:

What are the Impacts of US Farm Policies on Developing Countries?

Many more domestic stakeholder groups are weighing in on the 2007 US Farm Bill debate compared to previous farm bills. US farm policies are, however, also felt beyond US borders. Not only do they have important implications for the WTO’s Doha Round negotiations, but they also impact the economies and rural sectors of third countries, and in particular, of developing countries.

Please join us for a discussion hosted by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace of IPC’s paper on the US Farm Bill and its potential impact on developing countries. IPC Issue Briefs published on the Farm Bill can be found at www.agritrade.org and a draft of the comprehensive paper will be made available at the meeting.

The Speakers:

Robert L. Thompson holds the Gardner Endowed Chair in Agricultural Policy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and is currently a visiting scholar with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He previously served as Director of Rural Development at the World Bank. From 1993-1998, he was President and CEO of the Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development. Before that he was Dean of Agriculture at Purdue University from 1987-1993, Assistant Secretary for Economics at the US Department of Agriculture from 1985-1987, and Senior Staff Economist for Food and Agriculture on the Council of Economic Advisors. Thompson, as a founding member of the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council (IPC), served as its chairman from 2000-2006. He is Past President of the International Association of Agricultural Economists.

Timothy Josling is an IPC member, a Senior Fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, and a Professor at Stanford’s Food Research Institute. Professor Josling's work focuses on agricultural trade and food policy issues, as well as economic integration, with a special emphasis on the World Trade Organization, the EU Common Agricultural Policy, and U.S.-EU trade relations. Before taking his current positions at Stanford University, he has held positions at the London School of Economics, the University of Reading, United Kingdom and the University of Guelph, Canada.

Mary Chambliss is currently a consultant on food aid program and legislative issues. Her clients include the World Food Program and the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa. Ms. Chambliss retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in January 2006, where she served in various positions, primarily working with USDA international food aid programs. At her retirement she was the Deputy Administrator for Export Credits in the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) responsible for both food aid programs and the commercial export credit guarantee programs. She served in that capacity from 1995 to her retirement. Also during that period she served as Acting Administrator of FAS and often as Acting General Sales Manager for FAS.
She began her career in the U.S. government with the Economic Research Service in 1965 where she was the country specialist for many African countries. She moved to the then Export Marketing Service (later merged into FAS) in 1970 and began working on Title I food aid programs for Asian countries. In 1979 she joined the staff of the International Development Cooperation Agency as the deputy budget director, returning to FAS in 1981 to assume the position of Assistant to the General Sales Manager, primarily focusing on the 1981 farm bill. She served in various positions in FAS as well as serving as Acting Associate Administrator of USDA’s Office of International Cooperation and Development (now merged into FAS). Ms. Chambliss is a native of Buchanan, Virginia and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Economics from Roanoke College and a Master’s degree in Government from George Washington University.

Congressman Donald M. Payne, a native of Newark, New Jersey, was elected to represent the 10th Congressional District of New Jersey in 1988 as New Jersey’s first African American Congressman by an overwhelming majority and has been returned by a wide margin of the vote in each subsequent election. In 2006, he won election to his tenth term to represent the 10th District in the historic 110th Congress.

Mr. Payne is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, where he serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health and as a member of the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight. Congressman Payne has been at the forefront of efforts to restore democracy and human rights in nations throughout the globe. He headed a Presidential mission to war-torn Rwanda to help find solutions to that country's political and humanitarian crises. In addition, he was recognized as having the most supportive record in Congress on issues involving the Northern Ireland peace process.


Michel Petit has been a professor of agricultural economics in various French higher education institutions since 1968. He served as World Bank Director between 1988 and 1998, first for the Agriculture and Rural Development Department and then as founder of the Agricultural Research & Extension Group. In the 1970s he was for two years Program Adviser for Agriculture at the Ford Foundation in New Delhi, India. Petit co-founded the European Review of Agricultural Economics where he served as co-editor and as President. He has also served as President of the International Association of Agricultural Economics and is a Member of the Académie d’Agriculture in France. Petit is currently a Professor at the Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen in Montpellier.

Moderated by:

Sandra Polaski is Director of the Trade, Equity and Development Project and a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, an international think tank. Her work focuses on trade, development and employment policies. Until April 2002, Ms. Polaski served as the US Secretary of
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