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**Seventh Meeting of APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural  
Biotechnology**  
**February 27-28, 2008, Peru**

**DAY ONE:**

February 27

**09:00 Welcome and Introduction**

Moderator: (Peru)

**09:10 Opening Remarks**

(High Level Govt. Official from Peru, Host)

A. Ellen Terpstra, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm & Foreign Agricultural Services,  
United States Department of Agriculture (TBD)

**09:45 Morning Break**

**MORNING AGENDA: COMMODITY TRADE AND THE LOW LEVEL  
PRESENCE OF REGULATED RECOMBINANT-DNA PLANT MATERIALS IN  
TRADE**

*The morning session will first cover current work in the CODEX Alimentarius Commission's Ad-Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Food Derived from Biotechnology on guidelines for conducting a food safety assessment in situations of low-level presence of regulated recombinant-DNA plant material. The session will highlight policy considerations for maintaining the flow of trade while ensuring oversight of regulated materials.*

*The morning session will secondly provide Policy Dialogue participants an opportunity to hear from experts on how agricultural products are produced in different countries, and on how international guidance can help countries facilitate trade, as it relates to the low-level presence of regulated recombinant-DNA plant material in trade.*

10:00 Dr. Ernelea Cao, Professor and Director of the National Sciences Research Institute of the University of the Philippines and the Philippines permanent representative to the Codex Task Force on Biotechnology  
Dr. Eric Flamm, Senior Science Policy Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration  
Ricardo Calderon, Executive Director, Appamex, Mexico (TBD)

**11:00 Interventions by APEC Member Economies**

**12:00 Luncheon hosted by INIA**

**14:00 Moderator Convenes Meeting**

**14:15 Report from Private Sector Day**

Sara Lukie, Managing Director, Global Issues and Multilateral Affairs, Food and Agriculture, Biotechnology Industry Organization

**AFTERNOON AGENDA: IMPLICATIONS OF TRANSPARENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY**

*The afternoon session focuses on the implications for trade and research and development that arise from the implementation of transparent policies and regulations related to agricultural biotechnology. Particular attention will be paid to the value of clear, understandable and predictable regulatory and policy approaches for agricultural biotechnology. This session will also focus on how economies can reinforce the strength, openness and transparency of their biotechnology regulatory and policy systems.*

14:45 Ms. Rebecca Bech, Deputy Administrator, USDA, Biotechnology Regulatory Services

Dr. Ngiam Tong Tau, Chairman, Genetic Modification Advisory Committee, Singapore (TBD)

Dr. Gerard F. Barry, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines (TBD)

Jose Falck, IFPRI (TBD)

**15:45 Interventions by APEC Member Economies**

**16:45 Moderators Comments**

Adjourn for the Day

**Informal Cocktail Hosted by .....U.S. Ambassador to Peru**

**DAY TWO:**

**09:00 Moderator Convenes Meeting**

**KEY CONCERNS ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS ON RESEARCH AND TRADE**

*The session will provide Policy Dialogue participants a brief explanation of the work in Protocol on Liability and Redress, and what remains to be decided at the fifth Working Group meeting in March. The two APEC workshops in Hanoi and Tokyo that dealt with the liability and redress issue will be mentioned. The discussion will also highlight the likely effects of alternate liability regimes on trade, and the ability of civic and academic researchers to carry out international research and development, particularly on biotech products for developing economies.*

**09:05** Nobuyuki Kikuchi, Deputy Director, Global Environment Division  
International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan (TBD)

Alexander Grobman, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Peru (TBD)

**09:45 Interventions by APEC Member Economies**

**10:20 Morning Break**

**10:35 Agricultural Biotechnology Public Policy Development Activities**

- Presentation of Highlights from the Public Perception Workshop  
Dr. Miguel Barandiaran, INIA, Peru
- Presentation of Highlights from the Investment Toolbox activities  
Dr. Andrew Powell, Asia Biobusiness
- Report from APEC/Agriculture Technical Cooperation Working Group:  
Research and Development of Agricultural Biotechnology Subgroup (RDEAB)  
Donghern Kim, RDA, S. Korea

**11:30 APEC Updates**

- Policy Dialogue Objectives, Accomplishments & Future Considerations  
Mr. Phanob Plangprayoon (Art), Director (Program), APEC Secretariat,  
Singapore (TBD)
- Outcome of the Independent Assessment  
Dr. Leonardo A. Gonzales, Strive Foundation, Los Baños, Laguna  
Philippines (TBD)
- Development of Dialogue Recommendations  
Moderator

**12:15 Moderator's Remarks – Conclusions and Approaches for Next Meeting**

**12:30 Adjourn Meeting**