



# Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

## **Biofuels and International Development: Impacts on Food Security, Human Rights and the Environment**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 15, 2007  
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Charles Sumner School  
1201 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

Biofuels trade and development is being negotiated around the world. Multilateral biofuels agreements with the United States, Brazil, the European Union, Japan, China, India and South Africa on ethanol production standards are in the works. The U.S. is also negotiating with Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Venezuela to promote renewable energy in the Western Hemisphere. The Inter-American Development Bank has its new biofuels investment agenda for the Latin America region. As initiatives around trade and biofuels are introduced globally, it is crucial that policymakers consider the wider development implications of this fast moving train to ensure that human rights and environmental norms are at the core of any policies being developed.

### **The Link to Food and Agriculture**

Both in the U.S. and the EU, biofuels are being considered within the context of supporting revitalizing agriculture and renewable energy, providing fair prices to farmers, spurring rural development and decreasing dumping of commodities on the world market. But many civil society groups in developing countries, including some of the biggest exporters of biofuels, argue that a global market in biofuels will result in the further destruction of their forests and increase competition over land used for growing food.

Join representatives from the U.S., Brazil, the EU, and Mexico as they address North/South dynamics around biofuels and the potential impacts for our climate, agriculture and development as a whole.

### **Speakers:**

- **Daniel de la Torre Ugarte, APAC, University of Tennessee**
- **Mark Muller, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)**
- **Pedro Christoffoli, Landless Movement (MST), Brazil**
- **Alejandro Villamar, Mexican Action Network Against Free Trade (RMALC), Mexico**
- **European Representative (TBA)**
- **Alexandra Spielloch, IATP (facilitator)**

This open discussion is part of a two-day event, *U.S. Farm Bill and the EU Common Agriculture Policy at Crossroads - A Global Dialogue on U.S., Canadian and EU Agriculture Policies*, organized by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), co-sponsored by the Heinrich Boell Foundation, Coordination SUD, GERMANWATCH, GRET, Action Aid USA, and Agribusiness Accountability Initiative, with added support from France Cooperation and Schweisfurth-Stiftung.

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