



Hearing the Farmers' Voice

How can the €1 billion EU contribution help resolve the worldwide food price crisis?

Willy Brandt 04M068, European Parliament, Tuesday 14 October 2008
Hosted by Gay Mitchell (Rapporteur) and Thijs Berman (Shadow Rapporteur)

- 11:00** **Opening by Gay Mitchell and Thijs Berman**
- 11:10** **Welcome by Inez Staarink, External Relations, Hivos**
Europe's responsibility towards resolving the food crisis
- 11:15** **Understanding the root problem**
Incidence and causes of farmers' suicides and small farmers household debts, structural causes of problem experiences by small farmers in South Asia and Africa
Speakers: Peasants' organisations representatives from South Asia and Africa
- 11:50** **Questions & Answers (open floor)**
Commission, Perm Reps, MEPs, civil society
- 12:10** **Modalities for the response on the food price crisis**
Terms for the facility to ensure the modality will effectively contribute to resolve the threat of livelihoods of small farmers
Speakers: Peasants' organisations representatives from South Asia and Africa
- 12:30** **Questions & Answers (open floor)**
Commission, Perm Reps, MEPs, civil society
- 12:55** **Conclusions by Simon Stocker, Director, Eurostep**
- 13:00** **Closing by Gay Mitchell and Thijs Berman**