



Workshop "European Agribusiness in Africa: Opportunities and challenges": extracts from the statements by Dacian Cioloș, Andris Piebalgs, and Kandeh K. Yumkella

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Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, Dacian Cioloș, Member of the EC in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development, and Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), made statement following the 'European Agribusiness in Africa: Opportunities and challenges' workshop organised by the European Commission on 10 April 2013 in Brussels.



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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	SOUNDBITE by Andris Piebalgs, Member of the EC in charge of Development, (in ENGLISH) saying that the conference's main purpose is to bring together the opportunities for increasing the agricultural production in Africa for the benefit of African farmers in a sustainable way; for example, in Malawi, through the farmers income support programme, the EC provides additional seeds for the diversification of African production; so the farmers have financial incentives to produce more and to sell in the markets and they are less dependant on monoculture.	00:00:39

00:00:44	<p>SOUNDBITE by Dacian Cioloș, Member of the EC in charge of Agriculture and Rural Development, (in FRENCH) saying that the new approach includes development tools for strengthening the administrative capacity, the ability to develop agricultural policies in Africa, the support to small farmers, but also with a pragmatic approach to economic development to enhance the agricultural potential that exists in Africa; this is also why they wanted to invite the European agro-food sector; with the partnership between the public sector and an efficient private investment, they can strengthen the EU's cooperation with Africa.</p>	00:00:54
00:01:38	<p>SOUNDBITE by Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), (in ENGLISH) saying that they believe this is very timely; the title 'agribusiness' underscores the importance of looking at the whole supply chain or value chain; in the context of Africa this is important, not only for food security but also for job creation and also wealth creation in the continent; UNIDO is ready to partner with the Commission to begin to</p>	00:00:28

Commission to begin to
implement some
practical projects on the
ground.

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