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" A Copenhagen Deal Without Agriculture Is No Global Deal"

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17TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (CSD-17) CHAIRPERSON HON. MINISTER GERDA VERBURG ENDORSES AFOLU

The 17th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 17) opened on Monday morning, 4 May 2009, at UN Headquarters in New York. Delegates adopted the agenda and began discussing the thematic cluster for which they will negotiate policy options: Africa, desertification, drought, agriculture, land and rural development.

Opening the meeting, Gerda Verburg, CSD 17 Chair and Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands, said agriculture must be included in climate change negotiations if fundamental mitigation and adaptation goals are to be met. She noted that biofuels are only a limited part of the solution towards sustainability, and highlighted that negotiations should be guided by the principle that we are here to play a role in "making poverty history."

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FANRPAN CEO, Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda is in New York, to participate in the 3rd Implementation Cycle: Policy Session of the Seventeenth Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-17) as a representative of the International Council for Science (ICSU). Dr Sibanda's participation follows her participation at the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) of the CSD-17 in New York and the High-Level Meeting on African Agriculture held in Windhoek, in February 2009. Dr Sibanda will present the Africa Climate solution at the UN head quarters at a side meeting convened by the International Council for Science (ICSU) and chaired by Dr Thomas Rosswall who is the chairman of the CGIAR-ESSP Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security Challenge Programme.

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