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World food security: What role for Europe?

A Fondation EurActiv Debate | **13 October 2009** | 11 am – 1pm

European Parliament - Room PHS 7C050 - 60 Rue Wiertz, 1047 Brussels

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As the world's population approaches ten billion, issues like climate change, growing scarcity of oil and availability of quality land and water are challenging the planet's capacity to produce enough food for everyone - a paradigm shift that could potentially pave the way for a new global 'food crunch'.

What role can Europe play in providing the world with plentiful and affordable quality food?

Fondation EurActiv is pleased to invite you to a public debate to explore answers to this challenging question.

PROGRAMME:

11.00 **Welcome statement**
Julian Oliver, Secretary General, Fondation EurActiv

11.10 **Panel presentations:**

Europe's role in achieving food security
Mairead McGuinness MEP

The end of cheap food – why food security should interest Europeans
Prof Johan Swinnen, CEPS Senior Research Fellow

Using our natural resources efficiently – taking advantage of Europe's privileged position
Thierry de L'Escaille, Secretary General, European Landowners Organisation

The impact of climate change on our ability to produce
Dr Tom Osborne, Walker Institute, University of Reading

Reactions to the panel presentations from an African perspective
*Her Excellency Ambassador Dr. Brave Ndisale
Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi to Belgium and the European Union*

12.15 **Panel debate and questions from the audience**
Moderated by Julian Oliver, Secretary General, Fondation EurActiv

12.45 **Conclusions**

13.00 **Reception and refreshments**

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