

Preliminary Conference Program

(below** means speaker confirmed, * means contacted and leaning)

May 7: Biofuel Technological Opportunities and Investment Opportunities in Developing Countries

8:30 Introduction and current situation of biofuels – Chris Somerville **

9:00 The future of biofuels in LDCs - Feedstocks and conversion technology

Sugarcane – Eugenio Ulian, Monsanto Brazil**

Oilpalm - Dr. K.Sundram or someone else from Malaysia**

Jatropha – Dr. Paramathma, Tamil Nadu Ag. University **

Sweet sorghum - Alan Scott, Advanta **

Land and land management constraints on biofuel production - Martin Evans **

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Technology continued

Algae - Paul Woods, Algenol **

Chinese cellulosic biofuel research Xin Xiao, Institute of Process Engineering
CAS, Beijing **

Novozymes research on improved enzymes

Amyris research on sugar conversion – Jack Newman **

12:30 Lunch -- Dan Kamman

1:30 Biofuel production and policies LDCs

India – Madhu Khanna - *

SE Asia – Brian Young **

Brazil lessons –Joel Velasco – joel@unica.com.br **

China - Brief overview Huanguang Qui **

3:30 Coffee Break

3:45 Production and policies (continued)

Africa – Production, Policies and Issues – Siwa Msangi **

World Bank.....Todd Johnson**

Inter-American Development Bank, Elizabeth Beall **

5:30 Adjourn

6:30 Dinner

May 8 Biofuel Policy and Production in LDCs – Should LDCs Subsidize and Promote Biofuel and Biofuel R&D?

8:30 Investments in biomass and biofuel production by private firms in LDCs

BP - Paul Willems **

Chevron or Shell - Paul Bryan ??

DuPont – Jan Konnickx or someone*

10:00 Coffee Break

10:45 Private investments (Continued)

SE Asia - Burrill - Kish Kishore or Roger Wyse*

China – Mendal – James Zhang **

12:00 Lunch ----

1:00 Economics of Biofuel

Industrial organization of the oil industry and role of biofuel-David Zilberman **

Risk and biofuel – Gordon Rausser **

Biofuels and trade – Dan Sumner and Hyunok Lee **

The economics of research on biofuels – Brian Wright or Carl Pray **

2:30 Coffee

2:45 Impact of biofuel on agricultural growth and productivity, prices, environment, and poverty in different countries

Keith Weibe on FAO Report on impact of biofuels on LDCs *

China - Huangguang Qui, CCAP, CAS, Beijing **

Mozambique... Channing Arndt **

Thailand and SE Asia - David Roland-Holst **

5:00 Roundtable on developing country policy and government investments on biofuel. What impact do these policies have on biofuel research and production? What impact is increased biofuel production likely to have in developing countries? What policy and investment options should the developing countries governments be considering?