



New technologies for agriculture and food supply in southern countries

## Paris is to host the first edition of the Tech For Food symposium

*Registrations can be made from January 2007 for the first edition of this international forum which will be held on 6 March 2007 during the International Exhibition of Agriculture in Paris. The purpose of this meeting point is to present the new technologies for the development of agriculture and food in southern countries.*

**More than 850 million people worldwide suffer from malnutrition. All potential solutions should be considered!**

With the explosion and relatively widespread use of new technologies, agriculture benefits from the progress made in other sectors such as space, the Internet, mobile telephones, mobile laboratories, etc. Tech For Food is based on the principle that these technologies should also act as an impetus for the development of agriculture in southern countries. Technology should not only be a result of development; it should also provide an impetus. This colloquy, which will be a forum for open discussion, will offer managers from southern countries the possibility to specify their expectations and requirements and will offer opportunities to analyse the initiatives conducted throughout the world, to capitalise on knowledge, to explore possibilities and to highlight obstacles in order to consider ways of overcoming them.

**The organisers of Tech For Food have responded to this challenge.**

The CNES (Centre National d'Études Spatiales), the FARM (Fondation pour l'Agriculture et la Ruralité dans le Monde), the TV Agri press group (with the support of its monthly review "Agriculture & Nouvelles Technologies") have come together to fulfil the challenge of organising an international meeting place for the main players in the fields of agricultural development, combating malnutrition and new technologies.

**The Scientific Coordination Committee has drawn up a conference programme based on 3 main lines:**

- Can new technologies bring about an agricultural revolution in southern countries?
- What is the contribution of spatial technology to the food of men and animals?
- What new forms of partnership do the new technologies require?

New technologies offer a range of solutions for the development of agriculture and food including training, information, commercial exchanges, the management of land and natural resources, the traceability of production and the prevention of natural risks provided that their advantages and disadvantages can be controlled. The use of satellite images to guide the herds of Touaregs and Peuls in the desert towards areas where the biomass corresponds to the number of animals or to anticipate cattle epidemics, the accessing of market prices using mobile telephones in Senegal and the use of SIG\* in Jamaica as a phytosanitary monitoring system are just some examples which may be examined during the symposium.

**Registrations are free of charge subject to availability and booking.**

The speakers and participants come from all over the world and are representatives of NGOs (Action Against Hunger, Spain), research programmes or organisations (INPV Algeria, IMP CRSP in Jamaica), United Nations programmes (UNOCSAT), private companies, experts and local coordinators, etc. The forum may receive around 400 participants who will take part in conferences and round table discussions. Registrations can be made from 4 January 2007. For further information and online registrations:

[www.techforfood.com](http://www.techforfood.com)

To become a partner in this campaign: [techforfood@tvagri.com](mailto:techforfood@tvagri.com)

\* SIG système d'informations géographiques (geographical information system)



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