

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to attend the global launch of our highly anticipated Montpellier Panel Report. The Report draws on the knowledge and experience of a group of high level experts, several of whom will be in attendance to present their report and discuss their findings on why agriculture is crucial to international development; how investment in agriculture can help to build pathways to success in the developing world; and what European Governments can, and should, be doing to aid this agenda:

Global Launch of The Montpellier Panel Report

***Wednesday 10th November from 9:30-10:30am
Followed by a drinks reception***

Charlemagne Building, European Commission

With Professor Sir Gordon Conway, Dr David Radcliffe and Mr Tom Arnold and other panellists



Gordon Conway

A trained agricultural ecologist, is a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex and Chair of IDS. From 1998-2004 he was President of the Rockefeller Foundation and from 2004- June 2009 Chief Scientific Adviser to DFID and President of the Royal Geographical Society. He is a KCMG, Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Hon Fell RAEng and FRS. He holds five honorary degrees and fellowships. He is the author of '*The Doubly Green Revolution: Food for all in the 21st Century*'.



David Radcliffe

Mr Radcliffe has been employed by the UK Department for International Development since 1998, working as a senior rural livelihoods adviser on programmes in Ethiopia, eastern Europe and central Asia, Afghanistan and India, and also as lead adviser to DFID research programmes on plant science and crop protection. David is currently on secondment from DFID to the European Commission, specialising in agricultural research for development and also following agriculture and climate change and biotechnology issues. He is currently the Executive Secretary of EFARD – the European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development.



Tom Arnold

Tom Arnold is CEO of Concern Worldwide. Concern has a growing presence in the United Kingdom and America, and is the largest humanitarian organisation in Ireland. Its work focuses on helping the poorest people in the world's poorest countries. Tom has extensive experience in governmental and non-governmental organisations in Ireland and internationally. He has worked at a senior leadership level in management, policy development and administration.

Places are limited so if you would like to attend please RSVP to Jo Seed from Imperial College j.seed@imperial.ac.uk and Anisa De-Kerchove from the European Commission Anisa.DE-KERCHOVE@ec.europa.eu

See Executive Summary attached

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