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**Biofuels: Getting rid of the hype**

**Side event at the UNFCCC COP 18**

**Saturday, 1 December 2012**

**18.30-20.00**

**Qatar National Convention Centre**

**Room 6**

Bio-fuel development has been fraught with controversy including associated with their overall value in replacing fossil fuels, contribution to mitigation of climate change, and their potential benefit or impediment for small holder farmers food livelihoods and food security.

**Objective:** The objective of this side event is to highlight different approaches to bio-fuel development that will lead to integrated and sustainable food and energy producing landscapes in the long-term.

Provisional Schedule:

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| **Time** | **Presenter** |  **Purpose** |
| 18.30 – 18.40 | Ravi Prabhu, DDG Research, World Agroforestry Centre | Setting the stage – ICRAF as facilitating this dialogue and introduction to the IFAD-ICRAF Biofuel Program |
| 18.40 – 18.50 | Hugo Lucas, Director for Policy Advice and Capacity Building, International Renewable Energy Agency  | State of energy needs related to climate change and current biofuels use potential (how much is big business, how much small entrepreneurs) |
| 18.50 – 19.00 | Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Head of Indonesian President’s Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight | Indonesian government’s interest and vision in biofuel development and who it will benefit  |
| 19.00 – 19.10 | Richie Ahuja, Regional Director Asia, Environmental Defense Fund | Show the climate and energy impacts when thousands of small holders use small biogas digesters.  |
| 19.10 – 19.20 | Participant interventions through a ‘voting’ system and explanations by 2-4 participants. | Assessing participant opinions (large scale large industry vs. large scale small holder and fair vs. efficient) |
| 19.20 – 19.35 | Discussant views:1. FAO (Alexander Mueller, tbc)
2. Rodrigo CA Lima, General Manager, Institute for International Trade Negotiations
3. Swaminathan, Government of India (tbc)
 | Government speakers: Country positions on biofuel energy programs in and answering to the questions raised during the participant vote;Business sector positions on the biofuels they represent and answering to the questions raised during the participant vote |
| 19.35 – 19.53 | Facilitated discussion |  |
| 19.53 – 19.59 | 1-minute comments panelists |  |
| 19.59 – 20.00 | Closing remarks by Ravi Prabhu |  |