



**Global Agro-Industries Forum:**  
**Increasing Competitiveness and Development Impact**  
**New Delhi, India, April 2008**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND TIMETABLE**

Tuesday, 8 April, Intercontinental The Grand New Delhi

*11:30-13:30:* Registration and working lunch

*13:30-16:00:* Welcome and Plenary Address: The Importance of Agriculture in Economic Development  
Plenary Panel: Challenges of Agro-Industries Development

*16:00-16:30:* Coffee/Tea break

*16:30-18:00:* Regional Dialogue

Wednesday, 9 April, Vigyan Bhavan New Delhi

*9:00-10:30:* Forum Inauguration

- Address by His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India
- Address by Mr Jacques Diouf, Director-General of FAO
- Address by Mr Kandeh K. Yumkella, Director-General of UNIDO
- Address by Mr Lennart Båge, President of IFAD

*10:30-11:00:* Coffee/Tea break

*11:00-12:30:* Plenary Addresses 1 and 2

- Agro-Industry Trends, Patterns and Development Impacts
- Enabling Environment for Competitive Agro-Industries

*12:30-14:00:* Lunch

*14:00-15:30: Plenary Addresses 3 and 4*

- Technologies Shaping the Future
- Business Models for Small Farmers and SMEs

*15:30-16:00: Coffee/Tea Break*

*16:00-17:30: Plenary Addresses 5 and 6*

- Public-Private Sector Cooperation
- Global Citizenship and Responsibility

Thursday, 10 April, Vigyan Bhavan New Delhi

*9:00-10:30: Competitiveness Round Tables 1 to 3*

1. Understanding Markets: Market Research and Intelligence
2. Meeting Consumer Requirements: Quality, Safety, Emerging Concerns
3. Improving Productivity: Technology Acquisition and Utilisation

*10:30-11:00: Coffee/Tea Break*

*11:00-12:30: Competitiveness Round Tables 4 to 6*

4. Strengthening Business Linkages: Value Chain Development
5. Differentiating Products: Branding and Certification
6. Attracting Investment: Agro-Industries and Agro-Enterprise Finance

*12:30-14:00: Lunch*

*14:00-15:30: Competitiveness Round Tables 7 to 9*

7. Staying Competitive: Innovation, Product Development, Adaptation
8. Improving Efficiency: Agro-Industries Operations Management
9. Organizing Smallholders: Producer Organizations and Cooperatives

*15:30-16:00: Coffee/Tea Break*

*16:00-17:30: Competitiveness Round Tables 10 to 12*

10. Establishing Clusters: Agro-Industrial Clusters and Food Parks
11. Reducing Costs: Infrastructure Development
12. Human Resources Development

Friday, 11 April, Vigyan Bhavan New Delhi

*9:00-12:30*: Regional Strategy Workshops:

- Africa
- Asia and the Pacific
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Near East

*12:30-14:00*: Lunch

*14:00-15:30*: Plenary Panel Regional Perspectives

*15:30-16:00*: Coffee/Tea Break

*16:00-18:30*: Closing Session