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Partnerships for Sustainability: Examining the Evidence

June 18-19, 2008

Location: The National Academy of Sciences (Lecture Room)

2100 C Street NW

Washington, DC

June 18

Breakfast available at 8:30am

9:00 am **Welcoming Remarks and Goals of the Symposium, Emmy Simmons, Assistant Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (retired)**

9:15 am **Keynote Address: The Role of Partnerships in Meeting Twenty-first Century Challenges, Charles M. Vest, President, U.S. National Academy of Engineering**

9:45 am **Examining the Evidence: The Case Study Approach and Preliminary Analysis, Derek Vollmer, Associate Program Officer, U.S. National Academies**

10:15 am **BREAK**

Partners Coming Together, Gerald Keusch, Boston University School of Public Health

10:30 am **Panel discussion with perspectives from:**

- *LeRoy Paddock, The George Washington University Law School*
Smithfield Foods/Nathan Cumming/Ceres Partnership
- *Cortnie Shupe, Global Public Policy Institute*
Agua Para Todos
- *Liliana Andonova, Colby College*
Green Power Market Development Group
- *Barbara Sina, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health*
Multilateral Initiative on Malaria
- *Petra Kuenkel, Collective Leadership Institute*
Common Code for the Coffee Community
- *Blas Pérez Henríquez, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley*
Sustainable Silicon Valley
- *William Sugrue, U.S. Agency for International Development (retired)*
Sustainable Forest Products Global Alliance

This panel will discuss how partnerships form, how they define the problem(s) they seek to address, how they set goals for the partnership, and what incentives and motivations the partners have for joining a partnership

11:30 am **Question and Answer**

12:30 pm Lunch

Partnership Organization and Governance, Robert Stephens, Multi-State Working Group

1:30 pm Panel discussion with perspectives from:

- o *Sander Chan, VU University, Amsterdam*
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership
- o *Kira Matus, Harvard University*
Green Chemistry Institute
- o *Jennifer Smith Grubb, Sustainable Silicon Valley*
- o *Francine Ntoumi, Multilateral Initiative on Malaria*
- o *Tanvi Nagpal, Global Water Challenge*

This panel will discuss organizational forms for partnerships, how assets are handled, how partners are held accountable, and the timeframes that partnerships set for action

2:30 pm Question and Answer

3:15 pm BREAK

Partners Co-Producing, William Clark, Harvard University

3:30 pm Panel discussion with perspectives from:

- o *LeRoy Paddock, The George Washington University Law School*
Smithfield Foods/Nathan Cumming/Ceres Partnership
- o *David Spielman, International Food Policy Research Institute*
East Coast Fever Vaccine Development
- o *Liliana Andonova, Colby College*
Green Power Market Development Group
- o *Barbara Sina, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health*
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- o *Petra Kuenkel, Collective Leadership Institute*
Common Code for the Coffee Community

This panel will discuss how partners cooperate within the partnership, how funding is structured and allocated, how timelines and metrics are set, and how monitoring and evaluation of progress are carried out.

4:30 pm Question and Answer

5:15 pm Summary of Day One and Charge for Day Two

June 19 *Breakfast available at 8:30am*

9:00 am **Review of Day One, Hank Habicht, SAIL Venture Partners**

Assessing Partnership Outcomes, Marco Ferroni, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture

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East Coast Fever Vaccine Development
- *William Sugrue, U.S. Agency for International Development (retired)*
Sustainable Forest Products Global Alliance
- *David Graham, Dow Chemical Company (retired)*
Global Water Challenge
- *Martin Meyer, Common Code for the Coffee Community*

This panel will discuss how partners assess both the partnership's outcomes and their own participation in the partnership, what the key takeaways have been, and how the experience might influence future action

10:15 am **Question and Answer**

11:00 am **BREAK**

Enhancing the Effectiveness of Partnerships for Sustainability, William Clark

11:15 am **Breakout group discussions**

*This breakout session is intended to allow participants to summarize the lessons that have emerged from their own experience, the case studies, and discussions during the symposium. Participants are encouraged to examine the relative strengths and weaknesses of the partnership approach to sustainability and identify 3 **best ideas/approaches** for enhancing the effectiveness of partnerships, with the goal of informing nascent partnerships in emerging fields critical to sustainability*

12:15 pm **Reporting Back, Breakout group rapporteurs**

12:45 pm **Wrap up and summary, Emmy Simmons**