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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Time: Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: African Development Foundation, Conference Room, 1400 I Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Status:

1. Open session, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and
2. Closed session, Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Due to security requirements and limited seating, all individuals wishing to attend the open session of the meeting must notify Sarah Conway at (202) 233-8811 or sconway@usadf.gov of your request to attend by 5 p.m. on October 21, 2011.

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President & CEO, USADF.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee and the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees for Trade; Nominations

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: On June 9, 2011 the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary), and the United States Trade Representative (USTR), renewed the charters of the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) and the six Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees (ATACs) for Trade for a 4-year term to

expire on June 9, 2015. The APAC provides advice on the operation of various existing U.S. trade agreements and on negotiating objectives for new trade agreements, as well as other matters arising from the administration of U.S. trade policy. The ATACs provide advice and information regarding trade issues that affect both domestic and foreign production in the commodities of the respective sector, drawing upon the technical competence and experience of the members. Some appointments were made to these committees on September 8, 2011. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) seeks to add additional members in order to begin to stagger membership terms and is requesting nominations for persons to serve on these seven committees.

DATES: Appointments will be made periodically as appropriate to establish staggered terms. For that reason, nominations will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

ADDRESSES: All nomination materials should be mailed in a single, complete package and sent to: Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250, Attn: APAC/ATACs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Agreements and Scientific Affairs may be reached by telephone at (202) 720-6219; with inquiries directed to Bob Spitzer or Steffon Brown: or by fax at (202) 720-0340. E-mail may be sent to Bob.Spitzer@fas.usda.gov or Steffon.Brown@fas.usda.gov. Mail may be addressed to the Office of Agreements and Scientific Affairs, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1040, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The APAC and the ATACs are authorized by sections 135(c)(1) and (2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Pub. L. 93-618, 19 U.S.C. 2155). The purpose of these committees is to advise the Secretary and USTR concerning agricultural trade issues and policy. The committees are intended to ensure that representative elements of the private sector have an opportunity to express their views to the U.S. Government. On June 9, 2011, the Secretary and USTR

renewed the charters of the APAC and the following six ATACs:

- Animals and Animal Products;
- Fruits and Vegetables;
- Grains, Feed, Oilseeds and Planting Seeds;
- Processed Foods;
- Sweeteners and Sweetener Products; and,
- Tobacco, Cotton and Peanuts.

Background

In 1974, Congress established a private sector advisory committee system to ensure that U.S. trade policy and negotiation objectives adequately reflect U.S. commercial and economic interests.

As provided for in the law and the USDA charter, the APAC has the following responsibilities: (A) The Committee will advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary and USTR concerning the trade policy of the United States and the matters arising in the administration of such policy; (B) The Committee will provide information and advice regarding the following: negotiating objectives and bargaining positions of the United States before the United States enters into trade agreements, the operation of any trade agreement once entered into, and matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States. It will keep abreast of the ongoing work of the technical-level committees (ATACs); (C) The Committee will furnish such other advisory opinions and reports as the Secretary and USTR deem necessary.

As provided for in the law and the USDA charters, the ATACs have the following responsibilities: (A) The Committees will advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary and USTR on matters that are of mutual concern to the United States and to its consumers, producers, processors, and traders of commodities of their respective sectors in connection with the trade policy activities undertaken by the United States. (B) The Committees will provide advice and information regarding trade issues that affect both domestic and foreign production and trade concerning commodities in their respective sectors. The Committees will furnish advisory opinions and reports regarding trade policy as requested by the Secretary and USTR, or their designees.