UK Food Group Conference for World Food Day 2009

Rewriting the Rules…
…to secure our future food

Keynote address: Geoff Tansey
Joseph Rowntree Visionary and BBC Radio 4 Food and Farming Awards best food campaigner 2008
“we need to see better, more just rules and rule making processes that are supportive of the sharing of knowledge, scientific and technical skills about food and developing poor producers’ livelihoods.”

28 September 2009
10:30 – 16:00
(buffet lunch and refreshments provided)
Dragon Hall, 17 Stukeley Street, London WC2B 5LT (nearest tube: Holborn)

This year, in advance of World Food Day and the recently confirmed 2009 World Food Summit and parallel people’s forum in Rome, the UK Food Group is organizing this meeting to discuss urgent solutions to rising hunger and the multiple crises affecting the world’s food system.

Our one day conference will identify and propose changes to national and international rules and regulations that need to be rewritten if we are to secure future food supplies. Alternative frameworks for achieving sustainable changes, including food sovereignty, will be discussed.

The programme will feature policy analysts and farmers from Europe and Africa covering specific issues – trade agreements including Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), property rights, agricultural models of production, finance and speculation – for which rules must be changed. Breakout discussion groups, lead by expert contributors will debate specific changes and alternatives. Full programme will be circulated and available online www.ukfg.org.uk.

The conference will include participants from UK, European and African civil society organisations, experts from academia among others. Your participation with ideas about rules and regulations that need to be changed is welcome.

The outcomes will contribute to our joint EC project consortium work on trade and agriculture, focused on African smallholders, and will inform UKFG participants in key meetings in Europe and internationally. The outcomes will also contribute to the discourse on healing our dysfunctional food system that leaves one billion hungry and makes one billion obese.

Registration fee to include refreshments and buffet lunch: £20 (full) / £10 (UK Food Group paid up members). Concessions available (students etc.)

To register, please contact:
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