

Benin Conference High-Level Panel Event: “Leveraging LDC agricultural potential through productive partnerships: new business models in science, innovation and market access”

Date: 29 July 2014

Time: 8.30 -10.00 am

Venue: Conference Centre, Laguona Room 1, Cotonou, Benin

8:30 – 8: 45 am: Opening Session:

- 8:30-8:40 Welcome Remarks - HE Ms.Naomie Azaria Honhoui : Minister of Industry, Trade and Small and Medium Enterprises
- 8:40-8:45 Goodwill Message - Mr Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Administrator and Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa

8:45-9:25 Panel Discussions (Max 40 Minutes)

Moderator: Ms. Amanda Ellis, Head of Mission, Ambassador and PR to the UN NZ Permanent Mission, Geneva

Panelists: [Each panelist to speak for 5 minutes]

- 1 **Prof. Stephen Goldson** - Strategy Advisor to the Office of the Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor, New Zealand
- 2 **His Excellency Hon. Mr. David Tosul**, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Livestock & Biosecurity, Vanuatu
- 3 **Mr. Jean-Baptiste Satchivi**, President of Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Benin
- 4 **Ms. Karen L. Mapusua**, Coordinating Officer, Pacific Organic Ethical Trade Committee (POETCom) Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Samoa
- 5 **Mr. Moussa Seck**, Chairman, Pan-African Agriculture and Agribusiness Consortium (PanAAC), Kenya
- 6 **Mr. David Sellars**, Genetics Consultant, *Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC)*, New Zealand
- 7 **Ms. Gladys Tawema**, Karethic Bénin Sarl, Benin

9:25-9:55 Floor Discussions and Q&A

9:55-10:00Closing Remarks: ITC – Arancha Gonzalez, Executive Director, International Trade Centre.