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# Day 1 - Tuesday, 17 February

08:00 Registrations & Refreshment

09:00 Chairman's Welcome Remarks

## 09:10 World Grains Market – Positioning Asia For The Future

Diego Barbero, Head of Grains, NOBLE GROUP LTD

# 09.45 Round Table Discussion : How to Align the Business to Move Forward?

Panelist:

- Frederik Groth, Vice President TOEPFER INTERNATIONAL ASIA
- Vijay Iyengar, Managing Director AGROCORP INTERNATIONAL PTE LTD
- Chris Nikkel, Director Risk Management Asia BUNGE AGRIBUSINESS SINGAPORE

## 10:20 Riding Out the Storm

- Global economic outlook
- Asia how far down?
- Global currency forecast

Prakriti Sofat, Economist, **HSBC** 

10:50 Discussion followed by Networking Refreshment

## 11:20 **Producing More And Conserving More** – How Can We Do Both?

Gerald Steiner, Executive Vice President Sustainability and Corporate Affairs MONSANTO COMPANY

## 11:50 Long-Term Prospects For Agriculture & Major Commodity Groups : World Agriculture Towards 2030

- Demand and production Of wheat, rice & coarse grains
- Demand and production of oilcrops, vegetable oils & products
- Demand and production of livestock commodities
- Diversion of food grains towards energy crops

Dr. Kinlay Dorjee, Economist

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# 12:20 Global / Asia Rice Trade Flow & Market Outlook

Rajeev Raina, Senior Vice President & Head Rice Division, **OLAM INTERNATIONAL LIMITED** 



14:10 Afternoon Chairman's Introduction

#### 14:15 Review of the Global Biofuels Development

- Update on latest market developments
- Factors impacting the global biofuels industry are there links to the crude oil prices?
- Challenges of maintaining industry competitiveness amidst increasing market uncertainty
- Effect of anticipated biofuels developments on the agricultural industry *Clive Gibson, Principal*

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#### 14:45 Corn Market Outlook In China

- Demand/supply projection
- Substitution trends from Corn to Wheat
- Biofuels development & its impact on China's corn market

Gu Lifeng, GM - Corn Division & Deputy GM COFCO LOGISTICS & TRADING CO. LTD

# 15:15 Australia's Wheat Supply and Its Global Impact on Trade

- AWB Operations Overview
- Grain acquisition
- International marketing plan
- Australian Wheat marketing has changed forever....
  - Australian wheat market
- Competition increasing
- Our new competitors
- Wheat production
  - Australia / World wheat production & consumption
- A world of opportunity
  - Global demand for grains is trending at a faster rate than supply
  - Grain food use consumption
- AWB future focus
- Gordon Davis, Managing Director **AWB LTD**
- 15:45 Discussion followed by Networking Refreshment

## 16:15 Grains Shipping Trends & How is the Freight Market Doing?

- Analysing today's freight trends, volatility & risk
- Collapse of the dry bulk index & impact on grains shipping

Benjamin Wilkes, Executive Vice President **NOBLE CHARTERING LTD.** 

16:45 Grains Production & Export Potential in The Black Sea Region

> Simon Bentley, Head of Grains LMC INTERNATIONAL

17:15 Discussion followed by End of Day One

17:30 - 18:45hrs. Networking Reception for Speakers & Delegates

# Day 2 - Wednesday, 18 February

- 09:00 Chairman's Introduction
- 09:05 Commodities Risk Management – Issues & Solutions for Asia

Bipin V. Karnik, Regional Business Development Manager - SEAP, SGS SINGAPORE

- 09:35 Commodities Trading in Asia Senior Representative SINGAPORE MERCANTILE EXCHANGE PTE LTD (SMX)
- 10:05 An Update on the Role Exchanges Play in the Grain Industry and Safety of Transactions in the Current Financial Crisis Nelson Low, Head of Commodity Products, Asia CME GROUP
- 10:35 Discussion followed by Networking Refreshment

# 11:00 Future Of Japan's Agriculture Market & its Impact on Imports

Tetsuo Üshikusa, Director - Food Security Division MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES (MAFF)

11:30 Users / Importer's Round Table Discussion: Measures to Counter Volatility in Commodities Market Panelist:

- Tetsuo Ushikusa
- Leon Chen Chao-Liang, Manager Business Dept TTET UNION CORPORATION

12:00 Fund Manager's Perspective on how the Agricultural Commodities Markets is Doing?

- Importance of grains in their portfolio
- How is the fund industry shaping up?

12:30

Discussion followed by Networking Lunch sponsored by CONCORDIA

#### 13:45 Grains Market Outlook In Iran

Mohammad Reza Mortazavi, Chairman, SETAREH FLOUR MILLS Chairman, CONFEDERATION OF THE IRANIAN FOOD INDUSTRY

#### 14:15 Middle East : Contending with a Dynamic Market Abah Ofon, Senior Softs Analyst – Global Research STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

#### 14:45 Grains Demand/Supply Outlook In Africa

- Production & investment outlook
- Increasing grains demand
- · Logistics & transportation hurdles

• Viability of a contract & contract execution challenges Jean Craven, Group Strategy, **EXPORT TRADING GROUP** 

#### 15:15 Development of Poultry & Animal Feed Market

- · Rising demand & the challenges ahead
- 15:45 Final Discussion followed by Closing Tea
- 16:30 End of Conference

#### You Will Network With

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  - Grain Port (Load and Discharge) Officials 
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     Testing and Certification

Professionals • Food and Feed Industry End-Users • Industry Buyers

Commodity Exchange and Risk Management Specialists

# Market volatility... Economic crisis... What to expect in 2009?

"Farm financing crunch hits Argentine grains outlook... The uncertainty caused by the farmer's credit crunch is being aggravated by a recent slide in global grains prices & severe drought across the nation's central crop belt that has already cut forecasts for wheat, corn & sunseed output" Reuters, 26/9/08

"Riyadh outsources wheat industry...wheat imports will resume from spring 2009 & wheat production would be phased out completely by 2016." www.meed.com, 3-9/10/08

"Russia predicts record grain harvest, plans sales to China" World-Grain.com, 27/10/08

Credit crunch & the global economic slowdown have seen commodities prices fall from its peak. However, while economic growth is slowing, demand for food & fuel will continue to increase even if producers cut back supplies. Christoph Kampitsch, who helps to oversee USD1.5 billion in hedge funds at Erste Group Bank AG in Vienna, said : "In 9-12 months, soybeans, cocoa, sugar and wheat will recover. People also need to eat." (The Business Times, 8 Oct 2008)

The demand & supply balance of most grains & oilseeds suggest that once this selling is over, prices will bounce sharply back. (22 Oct, Resource News International via COMTEX)

With oil price sliding, how will it change the biofuels program worldwide? What is the impact on agriculture commodities?

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- Assess Asia's impact from global economic downturn
- Evaluate factors impacting the global biofuels industry are there links to the crude oil prices?
- Hear from the experts like Bunge, Toepfer & Agrocorp on how to move the business forward.
- Find out the long term prospect for agriculture & major commodity group till 2030 & the diversion of grains to energy crops
- Gain first hand insight from SMX on the launch of the Commodity Exchange in Singapore and find out if the center of commodities exchange will shift to Asia
- CME will provide an update on the role that exchanges play in the grain industry & safety of transactions in the current financial crisis.
- Ascertain the grains demand/supply outlook in Asia, Middle East/Africa, Ukraine, Iran & Australia
- Update from Fund managers if agriculture commodities is still a worthwhile investment
- Meet major importers/end-users like MAFF Japan & TTET Union Corp to find out how they are responding to market volatility
- Risk Management solutions will be especially important during an uncertain times
- Review the potential for animal feed markets with pending economic slowdown
- Freight rate forecast with the collapse of the dry bulk index

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