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Investing in soft commodities: Be wise!

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Auditorium BNP Paribas, Place de Hollande, Geneva

Speaker and Debaters

David Bicchetti joined the Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD in 2010 where he focuses his interest on the interactions between financial and physical commodity markets and information flows and their influence on price discovery mechanisms. His research on carry trade strategies and their effect on exchange rate fluctuations has contributed to UNCTAD's support to the G-20 discussions. He is also a member of the investment committee of the UN personnel fund, managing several hundreds of millions of US dollars. Before joining the United Nations in 2009, he worked as a researcher at the Swiss Institute of Technology in Lausanne and is the co-author of several studies on post-Kyoto protocol mechanisms and their impacts on the world economy.

Nabil Marc Abdul-Massih-Born in Ivory Coast and raised in Switzerland, Nabil started his career trading physical soft commodities from West Africa and South-America. He onward focused on the brokerage side of the soft commodities business. All along, he interacted with the trade and industry main players. He then moved to the financing side of the commodity value chain by originating and structuring trades for international banks while advising them on risk management processes. Since December 2005, Nabil has been in charge of putting together and heading the Advising Team dedicated to Sustainable Activist Funding Strategies at INOKS Capital. He is the ancile Fund's Portfolio Manager.

Jeremy Baker is employed by Harcourt Investment Consulting, a fully owned subsidiary of Vontobel Group, since September 2007. He is based in Zurich and his role is that of Portfolio Manager and Senior Commodity Analyst. Prior to joining Harcourt, he was employed by UBS Wealth Management where he joined in early 2005. At UBS, Mr Baker held the position of Senior Commodity Analyst. From 1999 to the time he joined UBS, he was employed at Credit Suisse where he started his financial career as Equity Analyst covering the Energy and Basic Resource sectors. Mr Baker's career started in 1990 in the Offshore Oil&Gas industry firstly in the Middle East and then West Africa.

Chris Walker brings his background in official development finance to his work on a range of innovative financing programs at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), including the development of investment funds to improve nutrition in developing countries. Prior to joining GAIN, Chris was a Fellow with Acumen Fund, a non-profit social venture capital fund. During his Fellowship, he worked for one of Acumen Fund's investments, the Dial 1298 for Ambulance Service in Mumbai, as the

Head of Marketing and Business Development. Chris previously worked on a range of international economic and development policy issues in the U.S. Government, including as Associate Director of International Relations at the Millennium Challenge Corporation; as an International Economist at the U.S. Treasury Department and in the Economic Bureau of the U.S. State Department.

Agenda

18h00 – 18h45

Welcome address & Introduction

Guillaume Taylor

SFG Executive Committee member; Founder and Managing Director -Quadia

Price Formation in Financialized Commodity Markets- The Role of Information

David Bicchetti

Associate Economic Officer, Macroeconomic and Development Policies Branch
UNCTAD

Q & A

18h45 – 19h30

Debate - Investing responsibly in soft commodities: utopia or reality?

Moderator: Ram Etwareea, Journalist at Le Temps

Nabil Marc Abdul-Massih, Portfolio Manager – INOKS Capital

Jeremy Baker, Commodities analyst – Vontobel Group

David Bicchetti

Chris Walker, Manager Innovative Finance – GAIN

Q & A

Conclusion

Bertrand Gacon

SFG Treasurer; Impact Investing & Philanthropy Adviser- Lombard Odier

19h30

Cocktail