



**Program**  
**Parallel Session of the Annual Conference of  
the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank**

**Achieving Growth through Agriculture**  
**Cape Town, March 17, 2007**  
**Old Assembly Building**  
**Room V227**

Agriculture is a key sector in most developing countries employing up to 70% of people in Africa and represents 20 to 40% of GDP. Agriculture growth depends on a combination of factors including agricultural research, farm productivity, access to markets, appropriate infrastructure, supportive policies, and the availability of new technologies. Research offers great potential for improvement in crop productivity, natural resource management, farming practices, and fish and livestock management. When combined with sound policies, these advances create wealth for farmers and, when applied in combination with other key factors, spur growth. Nonetheless, support for agriculture as a percentage of total overseas development assistance (ODA) has dropped from 7.8 billion in 1980 to 4 in 2004.

**Session B**  
**9:15 – 10:45**

**Chair: Billow Kerrow, MP, Kenya, Chair PNoWB East Africa**

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| 9:15 – 9:20   | Welcome<br>Billow Kerrow, Kenya   |
| 9:20 – 9:25   | Opening Remarks<br>Francisco Reifschneider, CGIAR Director  |
| 9:25 – 9:35   | <i>"Agriculture for Development -- Preliminary Messages from the 2008 World Development Report"</i> Mark E. Cackler, Sector Manager Agriculture and Rural Development, The World Bank |
| 9:35 – 9:45   | <i>"Significance of agriculture and agricultural research for development"</i><br>Monty P. Jones, First Executive Secretary, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa                |
| 9:45 – 10:00  | <i>"Improving Agriculture in Africa: A South African Perspective"</i> Hon. Lulama Xingwana, Minister of Agriculture and Land Affairs, South Africa                                    |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | <b>Discussion</b>   |