

EMRC-AgriBusiness Forum 2008



Recently, the EMRC AgriBusiness Forum 2008 "Agro-Food Industry as Engine for Growth in Africa" (18-20 June) took place at the FAO (Food & Agriculture Organization of the UN) premises in Rome. Entrepreneurs, project owners, international investors and agricultural experts showcased practical business solutions for Africa's food industry and agriculture.

PROGIS took part actively in the session Alternative Partnerships in Rural Development Part I: **by presenting and discussing business models "Enabling rural economy – using ICT and space data and resources to build self-sustaining rural communities"**

A range of pilot projects were discussed afterwards and the implementation of some of them in different African countries is already negotiated.

More to the conference can be found at: www.emrc.be

PROGIS – part of FAO's private stakeholder consultation



In the framework of a private stakeholder consultation, **PROGIS** was beside other companies like **BASF**, **MAN-Investments**, **Unilever** and four other private organizations invited to a meeting with FAO experts.

Details see under participants

http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/foodclimate/presentations/privsec/LofP-privsec.pdf

The outcome of this meeting and more details you find at

<http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/stakeholder/private-sector/en/>

One keymessage that came out of this meeting was: **we need more technology to solve the problems of today** that are addressed at the High Level Conference in Rome, June 3th-5th 2008

Read more at

<http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/hlc-home/en/>