

## 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](http://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](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/>