



*The BRACE CENTRE FOR WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT*

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### **Food Security and Aid Effectiveness**

The world is facing an acute food security crisis as food price levels are at their highest level since records began. Global challenges of increasing population, climate change and economic recovery are compounding this already significant problem. In recent years, the international community has come together to address these issues through a number of significant initiatives and new policies. Development assistance continues to play a significant role in combating hunger and under-nutrition. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is a major contributor to global food security policy dialogue and, through its Aid Effectiveness Agenda, provides significant support to address the food security of poor and vulnerable populations in developing countries. CIDA's role in food security and aid effectiveness will be discussed in this talk.

Nikita Eriksen-Hamel is the Senior Agricultural Policy Advisor of the Canadian International Development Agency. In this role he has contributed to the development of CIDA's Food Security Strategy, the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund and in shaping Canada's commitments to the G8 L'Aquila Food Security Initiative. His current position involves improving the coordination of food security programming, in particular around agricultural research, and providing overall policy guidance to improve the effectiveness of food security programs at the Agency. Before joining CIDA, Dr. Eriksen-Hamel worked as a consultant in the private sector and in academia on environmental and agricultural projects in countries across Asia and Africa. He has a background in environmental engineering, ecological agriculture and soil science from the University of Waterloo, Wageningen University and McGill University. He completed his doctoral studies at Macdonald College in the Department of Natural Resource Sciences.

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