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FARM-Africa joins the UK Food Group to mark World Food Day 2007

Dr Alastair Bradstock, Policy and Research Advisor at FARM-Africa, is one of number of policy experts who will marking World Food Day 2007 by discussing the theme of The Right To Food at an event hosted by The UK Food Group. This event coincides with the publication this week of the World Bank World Development Report 2008 which this year focuses on agriculture.

Dr Bradstock will be presenting some of FARM-Africa's policy experiences in "Getting Policies Right for Small-scale Farmers" as part of the day of celebrations hosted by The UK Food Group in London.

"Getting Policies Right for Small-scale Farmers" describes how four different FARM-Africa projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa successfully influenced national policy in the natural resources sector. Each project will be presented as a case study using the Overseas Development Institute's Research and Policy in Development (RAPID) framework to analyse the evidence and experiences.

Dr Bradstock's presentation will demonstrate that NGO projects can influence national policy agenda's in Africa by drawing on FARM-Africa's experiences with Land Reform in South Africa, Veterinary Services in Tanzania, the Forestry Sector in Ethiopia and Livestock Policy in Kenya.

World Food Day must focus attention back to Africa's rural smallholder farmers who in FARM-Africa's view hold the key to tackling poverty on a macro level. FARM-Africa believes that boosting smallholder production in rural areas will lead to an increase in self-sustaining growth and employment across a range of agricultural and non-agricultural areas.

Notes to editors

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FARM-Africa

FARM-Africa (Food and Agricultural Research Management) is an international non-governmental organisation that aims to reduce poverty through developing innovative approaches to natural resource management in Africa. Through our projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania Southern Sudan and Uganda we work in partnership with marginal small-scale farmers and herders to improve the ways in which they farm their land. Working with a wide range of rural communities, we concentrate on four priority areas – Pastoral Development, Community Forest Management, Smallholder Development and Land Reform. With the international headquarters based in London, UK, we have country offices in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa, Tanzania and Sudan.