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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

We cordially invite you to the event:

Sustainable Food – Local Solutions to Global Problems?

Public Talk with Helmy Abouleish, SEKEM, Egypt (“Alternative Nobel Prize” 2003), Markus Arbenz, IFOAM - Organics International and Gerhard Weber, Chamber of Commerce and Industry Bonn/Rhine-Sieg

followed by an informal reception.

**On Wednesday, 14 June, at 6:00 p.m.
At the Old Town Hall of the City of Bonn, Markt, Bonn.**

The panellists will talk about sustainable food production and organic agriculture as one competitive solution for the environmental, social and food security challenges of the 21st century. They will share their vast expertise and experiences and elaborate on how to successfully integrate local sustainable food production into globalised markets, on challenges and obstacles as well as their personal motivation.

Helmy Abouleish is the Managing Director of the SEKEM Holding in Egypt. SEKEM was awarded with the “Alternative Nobel Prize”, the Right Livelihood Award, in 2003. SEKEM was founded in 1977 on desert land in northern Egypt, with the idea to produce biodynamic food in a sustainable environment, and has grown into a highly successful internationally operating holding .

Markus Arbenz is the Executive Director of IFOAM - Organics International, the worldwide umbrella organization for the organic agriculture movement. Founded in 1972, it represents close to 800 affiliates in 117 countries.

Gerhard Weber works as a scout for international cooperation at the IHK. He supports companies interested to do business in developing and transformation countries in their search for suitable partners.

Welcome

- Gabriele Klingmüller, Deputy Mayor, City of Bonn
- Prof. Dr. Eva Youkhana, Director, Center for Development Research (ZEF)
- Lars Gerold, Head of Section, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Sharan Srinivas, Director of Research and Advocacy, Right Livelihood Award Foundation (RLAF)

Moderation

- Dr. Merjam Wakili, Deutsche Welle

We are looking forward to welcoming you to this event.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Eva Youkhana
Director
Center for Development Research

Ashok Sridharan
Mayor
City of Bonn

The event will be held in English.

Kindly confirm your participation by 13 June 2017 via e-mail to event-office-international@bonn.de

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