



Board for International Food & Agriculture Development (BIFAD)

October 14, 2008

Des Moines Marriott Downtown, 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

155th Meeting Agenda

“Higher Education on a New Stage in Global Agricultural Development”

8:30 A.M. **Welcoming and Opening Remarks --** Robert Easter, Chairman

Programs and Initiatives

8:40 A.M. BIFAD’s Conference of Deans I: Universities in Partnership, Outcomes & Planning for
COD II

Allen Christensen, BIFAD (Immediate past member)

9:00 The “White Paper”: BIFAD Recommendations to USAID
Robert Easter, Chairman, BIFAD

9:15 Panel Discussion: “Forming the University Brain Trust for International Agricultural
Development”

Panel Moderator, Irv Widders, Michigan State University,

10:30 BREAK

10:40 Food and Agricultural Development 2030: Private Industry’s Transatlantic Perspectives
John Deere Exec International (Speaker TBA)

11:10 Mitigating the Food Shortage: Perspectives During a Food Crises
Robert Thompson, University of Illinois

11:40 Public Comment Period (per advance notice)

12:15 P.M. Luncheon (Board in executive session)

1:15 Re-Cap of Morning Proceedings
Robert Easter, Chairman

1:20 Broadening Opportunities for Title XII with USAID
TBD

Operational and Management Issues: BIFAD Committee Activities

- 1:50 FY-2007 Title XII Report
George Wilson, USAID Office of Agriculture
2:05 Status on BIFAD's Charter Revision and Renewal with USAID

SPARE Committee Support to BIFAD—Update on SPARE Actions

- 2:15 Sandra Russo, Chairperson, SPARE

2:35 Public Comment Period (per advance notice)
2:45 Announcements
2:50 Adjourn