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## Farmers Leading the Way from Crisis to Resilience

Farming Practices to Improve Family, Community and Environmental Well-Being

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 Lunch Briefing: 12 - 2:00 p.m.

Ronald Reagan Building, Rotunda, North Tower; 8th Floor 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20004

Lunch will be served at 11:50 a.m.

Special presentations by developing country farmers:

- Mr. Le Thach: President, Dai Nghia Cooperative, Ha Noi Province, Vietnam
- · Mrs. Duddeda Sugunavva: Farmer, Katkur village, Warangal District, Andhra Pradesh, India
- Mr. Moussa Ag Demba: President, Goundam District Cooperatives Federation, Douékiré, Mali

## Remarks by:

- Raymond C. Offenheiser, President, Oxfam America
- · Sara J. Scherr, President, EcoAgriculture Partners
- Representative from WWF

Over a million farming households in Asia and Africa have adopted innovative practices that change the management of plants, soil, water and nutrients in irrigated rice production, which supplies most of the world's rice. Known as the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), this agroecological approach enables farmers to increase yields while using less seed, water, fertilizer, and often less labor. This has the potential to increase food security, raise incomes, conserve water, and buffer crops against adverse effects of climate change on a very large scale.

Please join Oxfam America, Africare and WWF to hear farmers and development experts discuss how many more could benefit from methods such as SRI.