

Global Sustainability of the 10% Target: The Development Perspective

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- Working with over 3,000 partners in over 100 countries towards a just world without poverty



10%: An Opportunity?

- The 10% target represents an export opportunity for many developing countries
- But development, and in particular poverty alleviation, do not automatically follow
 - Trade and production must be inclusive
 - Human rights must be respected



Sustainable for Whom?

- Vulnerable Communities
- Plantation Workers
- Smallholder Farmers
- The Food Insecure



The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

“No relocation shall take place without the **free, prior and informed consent** of [those] concerned and after agreement on just and fair compensation”



The ILO and Decent Work

- Conventions and Recommendations including:
 - Freedom of Association
 - Collective Bargaining
 - Child and Forced Labour
 - Equality of Opportunity and Treatment
 - Wages and Working Time
 - Occupational Health & Safety
 - Employment Security
 - Migrant Workers



The Right to Food

- A Fundamental Human Right:
 - The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11
 - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 25
- Must be integrated into the policies of:
 - The EU
 - Producer Governments
 - Companies



The RSPO and Smallholders

- Fair and understood contracts
- Transparency
 - Credit schemes
 - Pricing policies
- Payment of agreed amount on time



Standard Development Must Be Inclusive

- International norms and conventions provide a framework
- Development must include:
 - Affected communities
 - Labourers
 - Smallholders
- Mechanisms must be included to ensure access for smallholder farmers



So What's Missing?

Everything



Conclusion

- The EC's proposals for biofuels cannot be deemed sustainable
- As it stands, the 10% target represents a huge risk to sustainable development



Thank You!

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