

17 - 19 May 2001, Hilton Park Lane, London

Important Press Information – Update on World Coffee Conference

A leading Internet guru, top executives from industry and senior representatives from government and international institutions will be speaking at the International Coffee Organisation's World Coffee Conference, London, 17-19 May 2001.

The man described by Vice President Al Gore as "one of the world's leading cyber-gurus" Don Tapscott, President of Alliance for Converging Technologies, will be speaking on Digital Capital, Business Webs and the World's Coffee Economy at the Conference. He will be joined by senior industry executives including Mario Corti, Executive Vice President of Nestlé and Tatsushi Ueshima, President of Ueshima Coffee Co. Ltd. The panel of speakers also includes Paul Volcker, former Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, Dr Juan M Santos, Minister of Finance, Colombia, and other distinguished members of government and academia. (See attached for full details of confirmed speakers).

The conference will feature presentations on: globalisation, regional development, world economic outlook, the impact of e-commerce, coffee production and consumption trends, new market opportunities, and the role of primary commodities in sustainable economic development.

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Don Tapscott is President of New Paradigm Learning Corporation and Chairman of the Alliance for Converging Technologies. Al Gore calls him one of the world's leading cyber gurus. The Technology Report says he is "likely the most influential media authority since Marshall McCluhan". Award winning author, researcher, consultant and educator, his books: Paradigm Shift (1992), The Digital Economy (1996), Growing Up Digital (1998), Digital Capital (2000), have made him well known around the world. He has also acted as a consultant to many governments and corporations.

Juan Manuel Santos is the Colombian Minister of Finance. He was previously Minister of Foreign Trade for Colombia and for 10 years Colombian representative to the ICO. Other postings have included Vice President of the Interamerican Dialogue in Washington D.C., and Deputy Director of El Tiempo, Colombia's main newspaper. He studied Economics at Kansas University, London School of Economics and Harvard University.

Professor Christopher L. Gilbert is the author of several books and articles relating to commodities and is Research Professor of Finance at the Free University of Amsterdam.

Professor Delfin Netto was previously Minister of Planning for Brazil and a member of Congress. He was a University Professor for many years, and is the author of several books and articles.

Professor Darcy Lima is the Professor of Neurology at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and Associate Director at the Institute for Coffee Studies, University of Vanderbilt. He holds a PhD from the University of London and is author of many books and articles.

Professor Robert Bates is Eaton professor of the Science of Government at Harvard University, Massachusetts. He has a B.A from Haverford College and a Ph.D from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. From 1979 he was Professor of Political Science at the California Institute of Technology and in 1985 became Director at the Centre of Political Economy at Duke University until 1993. He has extensive field experience, researching mainly in Africa, Brazil & Colombia and is the author of numerous books and articles on the political economy of development, agricultural problems, African economic history and the world coffee market.



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Dr. Gabriel Cadena-Gomez has been the Director of the Colombian National Coffee Research Centre (CENICAFE) since 1988, the Liaison Officer of CABI for Colombia since 1995 and is a member of several scientific & educational organisations in Colombia. He has a Ph.D from the Department of Botany & Plant Pathology, Purdue University, Indiana. Dr Cadena-Gomez has been dedicated to coffee science for over 25 years, specialising in the phytosanitary problems of coffee & environmentally friendly solutions. He is author of more than 50 scientific papers and in 1997, he was awarded with the 'Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Award' from Purdue University.

Rolf.W. Boehnke has been the Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities since 1996. Prior to this, he was Counsellor of Commodities & Energy at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in London, and in 1984 became the Secretary-General of the International Lead & Zinc Study Group (ILZSG). He is a Theodore Haebler Fellow of Harvard University and is the author of several publications and articles on economic & trade policy matters.

Michael.R. Neumann is Speaker of the Board of Management of the Neumann Gruppe GmbH, the management service company for the world-wide active Neumann Kaffee Gruppe. He graduated in 1956 from Heinrich Hertz School in Hamburg and went on to do a bank apprenticeship at Münchmeyer & Co.



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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Digital capital, business webs and the world's coffee economy
 - Globalisation and developing countries
- Strategies for developing countries dependent on primary commodities
- Coffee, primary products and the economic development of Latin America
 - Prospects for developing countries with special reference to primary commodity producers
 - Coffee and the economic development of Africa
 - Coffee and the economic development of Asia
 - Coffee and the economic and social development of producing countries
 - Institutions and development
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 - The speciality coffee revolution
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Professor Edmar Bacha, was for many years a Professor of Economics at the University of Rio de Janeiro. He has written several books (one of them on the history of coffee in Brazil) and articles in specialised journals. He was Chairman of a large Development Bank in Brazil and has been a consultant to various international institutions. He holds a PhD in Economics from Yale University. Professor Bacha is currently working in a New York Investment Bank (Banco BBA-Creditanstalt S.A.).

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