

*You are invited to...*

*...attend all or some of the sessions at the UKFG World Food Day event*

**“Defending Farmers and the Right to Food”**  
**9:30am – 5:30pm Tuesday 16th October 2007**

NCVO, Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London, N1 9RL (*Light lunch provided.*)

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**PROGRAMME**

- 9:30 am** Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 – 11:15** ‘Livestock for Life’ – Send a Cow
- 11:30 – 12:30** ‘Farmers’ Rights to Seeds’ – Practical Action
- 12:30 – 13:45** Activity Updates, Media Release, Lunch
- 13:45 – 16:00** ‘The future for marginalised farmers in Africa’ – panel presentations and debate – chaired by Concern UK, with Oxfam GB, SEND Foundation, Ghana, DFID, Christian Aid and Farm-Africa
- 16:30 – 17:30** ‘How Terminator technology is a threat to poor people's livelihoods and food security’ – Progressio



*RSVP to...*

[anita\\_mccabe@yahoo.com](mailto:anita_mccabe@yahoo.com) indicating whether you will want lunch.

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The theme for this year's World Food Day on 16th October is the Right to Food. On the 19th October the World Bank will also be publishing its World Development Report 2008 that focuses this year on Agriculture. The Global Campaign Against Poverty (GCAP) event is on 17th October with 24 hours of action against poverty 'Stand up Speak out!'

Before the end of the year there will also be the conclusion of the European Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations and the publication, later, of the final report of the World Bank's International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development.

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The UK Food Group is the principal civil society network of organisations concerned with global food and farming issues. It provides a forum for debate on topical issues, conducts research and provides information to members, the public and decision makers. It serves as the BOND working group on these issues and is the UK focal point for relevant regional and international networks and organisations. [www.ukfg.org.uk](http://www.ukfg.org.uk)



## Co-organisers

Concern UK [www.concern.net](http://www.concern.net)

Concern Worldwide is an international humanitarian organisation working towards the elimination of extreme poverty in the world's poorest countries.



Practical Action [www.practicalaction.org](http://www.practicalaction.org)

Practical Action's mission is the use of technology to challenge poverty



Progressio [www.progressio.org.uk](http://www.progressio.org.uk)

Progressio is an international development agency that works with people of all faiths and none for the eradication of poverty and an end to injustice.



Send a Cow [www.sendacow.org.uk](http://www.sendacow.org.uk)

Send a Cow is a charity that enables poor farmers in Africa to become self-reliant by providing them with livestock, training and advice.

