



Ministerial Conference and Expo on
**Agricultural Science
and Technology**

Developing Market Information Systems in Africa

In conjunction with the Outlook Forum, USDA and the U.S. Agency for International Development are hosting experts from 10 African nations. They took part in a meeting on February 18 designed to support the establishment and improvement of market information systems on the African continent. The program provided insight into information operations in the United States, a forum for discussing successes and challenges faced by fellow Africans in implementing information systems, and education about ongoing U.S. technical assistance programs. This event builds on the outcomes of the Secretary's Ministerial Conference on Agricultural Science and Technology, held last June in Sacramento, California.

ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

“Developing Agricultural Market Information Systems in Africa” **AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM**

February 18, 2004
Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel

Wednesday, February 18

Roundtable: Developing Agricultural Market Information Systems in Africa

Location: Salon B/C Grand Ballroom

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Opening Presentations

- Welcome and Moderator: Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- Introductory Remarks: Dr. J.B. Penn, USDA Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

- U.S. Agricultural Market Information Systems (MIS): Dr. Susan Offutt, Administrator, USDA Economic Research Service

- Agricultural Market Information Systems in Mali: Salifou Diarra, Director, Agricultural Market Information

- Agricultural Market Information Systems in Mozambique: Carlos Mucavele Director, Economics Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Development and Danilo Adbula : Mozambique Presentation at USDA-Pre Forum Meeting
[http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/mozambique/policypres/presentation%20SI MA%20WashingtonV31.pdf](http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/mozambique/policypres/presentation%20SI%20MA%20WashingtonV31.pdf)

- MIS Technical Assistance in Africa: Representative of U.S Agency for International Development

- Questions and Answers

- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

- 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Roundtable Discussions by All Participants

- 4:30 – 6:00 pm Reception (tentative)

List of Participants.