



**THE ROLE OF NEW AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES
IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Tuesday 7 December 2010,
4.30-5.30pm, Committee Room 18, Palace of Westminster**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction – George Freeman MP
2. Guest Speaker:
Jack Bobo, Senior Adviser in Biotechnology, US Department of State
3. Questions / discussion
4. Any other business

Speaker biography:

Jack Bobo is Senior Advisor for Biotechnology in the Office of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Textile Trade Affairs in the Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs at the US Department of State.

He is responsible for developing and implementing US trade policy related to new technologies and working with foreign governments to address regulatory barriers to US agricultural exports. He also works closely with officials from developing countries to support the development of biosafety legislation and to facilitate technology transfer so as to increase agricultural productivity, improve food security and respond to climate change through mitigation and adaptation. He works on trade policy, food security, climate change and development issues related to agricultural science and technology, including agricultural biotechnology. He has global responsibilities and travels frequently to Asia, Africa and Europe.

Prior to serving as Senior Adviser, Mr Bobo was Deputy Chief of the Department's Biotechnology and Textile Trade Policy Division. And before joining the State Department, he practised law at the Washington DC firm of Crowell & Moring, LLP. He received a research fellowship in international law at Cambridge University and he has served as an advisor to the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee and taught science in Mekambo, Gabon as a Peace Corps volunteer.

He holds a degree in law, a Master of Science degree in environmental science and degrees in chemistry, biology and psychology.