Meeting Objectives: A new study being commissioned by BIFAD will analyze US benefits and capabilities leveraged from strategic USAID investments in developing country agriculture and food security. A team led by Dr. Joe Glauber, International Food Policy Research Institute, will implement the study. At the meeting, participants will: (1) review and provide feedback on a draft conceptual framework characterizing the channels by which USAID food and agricultural development investments in developing countries affect the American economy; (2) identify the types and assess the quality of evidence available to estimate the importance of the channels; and (3) suggest other data sources for consideration in the study.

9:00 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
         Mark Keenum, President, Mississippi State University and Chair of BIFAD

9:05 am  Overview on USAID/BIFAD Study
         Measuring the U.S. benefits and capabilities leveraged from strategic USAID investments in developing country agriculture and food security

         Brady Deaton, BIFAD
         Sean Jones, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Food Security, USAID
         Discussion

9:30 am  Description of study approach and timeline, draft conceptual framework
         Joe Glauber, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

10:00 am Panel Discussion: Diverse perspectives and reactions to proposed framework
Stephanie Mercier, Senior Policy and Advocacy Adviser, Farm Journal Foundation

George Norton, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Tech

Carl Pray, Distinguished Professor, Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics Department, Rutgers University

John Newton, Executive Director, American Farm Bureau Federation

Melinda Smale, Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University


10:30 am Break

10:45 am Panel discussions with audience participation, continued

Joe Glauber, Moderator

11:30 am Open discussion and public comment

Joe Glauber, IFPRI

11:55 am Closing Remarks

Mark Keenum, Mississippi State and Chair of BIFAD