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Creating better access to finance for rural development:

Public and Private Sector Engagement in Food Security & Agricultural Development

Featuring:

Mr. Temitope Oshikoya
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Acting and Former Chairman of the Board, Global Harvest Initiative

Mr. Kofi Boakye
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Mr. Bruce Cameron
Director, Project Finance, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)

Moderated by:
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With Opening Remarks by:
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Innovative financing is of core importance to acheiving global food security goals, but maximizing the impact of financial resources requires techinical assistance,

access to extension and education, and an array of other services that can be challenging to implement. Please join us for a roundtable discussion focusing on these challenges and the most effective solutions. Some of the leading thinkers on this issue, Mr. Temitope Oshikoya of Ecobank, Dr. William Lesher of the Global Harvest Initiative, Mr. Kofi Boakye of USAID's Development Credit Authority, and Mr. Bruce Cameron of OPIC will provide their thoughts in a discussion moderated by Mr. Terry Wyer of CSIS.

Refreshments will be served.

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