

I apologise for not being able to join you, for this important session.

I am in the WTO Agriculture Committee (Informal Session), since this morning. It is a last minute time constraint.

I congratulate the three (3) co-authors of the book : Roland BARDY, Maurizio MASSARO and Arthur RUBENS.

It is an in-depth, well sourced and great experience based work which puts together the three classic dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental perspectives) with other important aspects, like: institutional perspective, multi-stakeholders dialogue and a management scheme through sound and workable indicators.

Each reader of this excellent book would benefit a lot from the multiple faceted and well conducted approaches of development in different countries and regions in the world.

The case studies that have been chosen illustrate the different level of situations and compromises that are to be built.

Best practices and success stories that are presented here should be encouraged and promoted, elsewhere, in the world, taking into account the need to adapt the solutions proposed to the specific existing conditions.

These approaches and solutions should be always action-oriented, to assess their fitness to the goals and targets designed.

Finally, It would be useful to have this “master piece” translated in the other United Nations working languages, for the benefit of a larger number of readers, as the book represents a great contribution to the on-going reflexion for the formulation of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda.