

Title: Energy, Water and Food: A Preliminary Conversation with the Food and Agriculture Organization

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Abstract: Three FAO visitors are coming to Cornell from the Washington DC office on the 27 and 28th November. The main reason for this visit is to explore possible future collaboration with faculty and students at Cornell. They have also been visiting other US Universities to seek help with their future programs. International Programs piloted an internship program for two IARD majors in Gabon this past summer that was very successful. One goal for the visit is to expand this program for graduate and undergraduate students in the future.

They also have some specific areas that they would like to discuss with faculty. One that is high on their agenda is the topic of “Energy, Water and Food”. They would like to learn as much as possible about Cornell's on-going research on this topic. This is a major theme at FAO at the moment and they are seeking partnerships with US Universities like Cornell. Florence will say a few words about what FAO key points are involved but would like to hear as much as possible from Cornell faculty to better identify potential common interests for future collaboration.