

High Noon Lunchtime Debate

An event series of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

Golden rice – revolution: blessing or threat

Thursday, 16 October

12.00–14.00

Venue: Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, Avenue de Cortenbergh 71
1000 Brussels

About the event

Golden Rice is rice enriched with the provitamin beta-carotene. It was developed to help prevent vitamin A deficiency and avoid its often severe and sometimes deadly consequences in rice-eating populations in developing countries. In these countries many people are too poor to afford a balanced diet with greens, fruits and animal products.

Developed by Ingo Potrykus and Peter Beyer in the 1990' with a humanitarian purpose and the aim of distributing it for free, it has however until now not been grown on a large scale.

Why is there such a strong opposition to Golden Rice and other genetically modified plants? Are the fears towards Golden Rice of certain activist organisations and populations around the world based on evidence?

This event aims at taking the opportunity of World Food Day on 16 October to discuss the potentials and risks of Golden Rice.

Invitation

Speakers

Dr. Christel Happach-Kasan

Former Member of the German Bundestag
Speaker on Food and Agriculture for the FDP

Dr. Gijs A. Kleter

Vice-Chair, Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO),
European Food Safety Authority
DLO Onderzoeker Wageningen University

Mr. Francesco Rampa (tbc)

Head of Programme Food Security,
European Centre for Development Policy Management

Moderation

Paul Hutchison

Senior Brussels Correspondent Agra Europe

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