# ****Advisory Committee on Biotechnology & 21st Century Agriculture (AC21) Meeting: December 6-7, 2011****

**Plenary Meeting**

Room 1107, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520.

**Provisional Agenda**

**Meeting Objectives:**

* consider reports of two working groups on their initial deliberations relating to size and scope of risks and to potential compensation mechanisms
* listen to presentations from outside experts on topics relevant to the work of the AC21
* continue overall discussions on the Committee charge and planning subsequent work.

 **Day 1**

8:30—Coffee Available

9:00-9:25—Welcome and review of charge and agenda

* Dr. Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, USDA
* Mr. Russell Redding, Chairperson

9:25-9:30— Introduction of USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack

9:30-10:00—Remarks from USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack plus Q & A

10:00-10:15--Break

10:15-10:45—Report from Working Group on Size and Scope of Risks and committee discussion

10:45-11:15—Report of Working Group on Potential Compensation Mechanisms and committee discussion

11:15-noon--General committee discussion on progress of working groups

12:00-1:30—Lunch (on your own)

1:30-2: 15--Presentation by Dr. Michael Rodemeyer, Department of Science, Technology & Society, University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science, “Efforts to Bolster Coexistence under the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology”

2:15-3:00-- Discussion on coordinating the work of all four working groups with each other and with the full AC21.

3:00-3:15—Break

3:15-5:00—Introduction to public comment process and Public Comment

5:00—Adjourn for the Day

 **Day II**

8:30—Coffee available

9:00-9:15—Welcome and Reflections on Day I-- Chair

9:15-10:15--Presentation by Dr. Nicholas Kalaitzandonakes, MSMC Endowed Professor of Agribusiness, University of Missouri at Columbia, on Highlights of the Second Biennial International Conference on Coexistence held on October 26-28, 2011 in Vancouver, Canada.

10:15-10:30—Break

10:30-11:15—Discussion on standards of risk evidence and how to project for future risks as GE and identity preserved markets continue to grow

11:15-12:00—Preliminary discussion on tools and standards for compensation mechanisms

12:00-1:30--Lunch

1:30- 1:50—Remarks from Under Secretary Catherine Woteki on the Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants program

1:50- 2:30—Continued discussion on morning topics

2:30-3:30--Looking Forward, Information-Sharing, and Planning Next Steps

3:30-3:45—Closing Remarks and Adjournment