The UCPH Working Group for Development and the Sustainability Science Centre at the University of Copenhagen is pleased to invite you to a lecture with the Director General of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) Ruben Echeverría.

The topic of Dr. Echeverría’s lecture will be “Sustainable partnerships for global food security”. As humanity faces developmental challenges as never before (produce 60% more food with less water and land, changing climate and inadequate global public agriculture and environmental research funding) the presentation will focus on the need to strengthen global partnerships to tackle such research for development challenges. Strong Universities such as the University of Copenhagen, the CGIAR and global, regional and national public and private partners should join efforts to address such challenges at a global scale. Moderator will be Niels Elers Koch, chair for the UCPH Working Group for Development.

In April 2009, Ruben Echeverría became the Director General of CIAT. Ruben has worked in agricultural and rural development for 30 years. In the 1980s he worked for the Uruguayan Land Reform Institute, heading its extension service. In the mid-1980s he did field research in Mexico and Guatemala, based at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico. He then moved to the International Service for National Agricultural Research and worked on agricultural research policy issues and strengthening national research capacities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

In 1992 Ruben joined the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington D.C. As the Bank’s director of agriculture and rural development he promoted a regional rural development strategy for Latin America, the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology, and the Inter-Agency Group for Rural Development in Latin American countries. From 2004 to early 2009 he was the Executive Director of the CGIAR Science Council.

Born in Uruguay, Ruben Echeverría has worked on agricultural and rural development issues for over 30 years. He holds a B.Sc. degree in Agriculture from the University of Uruguay and a M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Agriculture and Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota, USA.

Date: the lecture will take 29 October 2013 from 8.30 – 10.00am. Tea & coffee from 8.00am.
Venue: Thorvaldensvej 40, building 2-84, basement, auditorium: A2-84. - 11 (see also map)
RSVP: Please register before 24 October to the Secretariat for Development Collaboration: development@adm.ku.dk