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**Inter-Governmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition
Inter-Governmental Observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council**

“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread”

"Hay personas en el mundo tan hambrientas que Díos no puede a parecerles a ellos más que en la forma de pan"

" Il y a des gens dans le monde qui sont si affamés que Dieu ne peut leur apparaitre que sous la forme d'un pain."

"هناك كثير من البشر يتضورون جوعا في العالم، حتى إن رحمة الله لا يمكن أن تظهر لهم إلا في شكل خبز"

Mahatma Gandhi

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IIMSAM stresses the international community on the urgent need to incorporate Spirulina in the global food security and health agenda at the Third International Meeting of Universities with Africa 2010 in Spain



(H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprey addressing the Third International Meeting of Universities with Africa along with Dr. Luis Serra Majem, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the Faculty of Medicine, on the 13th of October 2010 at the University of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain)

(IIMSAM Headquarters, New York, 19th October 2010) To realise its ambition of a world free of malnutrition and hunger through Spirulina, IIMSAM presented its case at the Third International Meeting of Universities with Africa in Las Palmas de Gran Canarias in Spain. This event was organised with the institutional support of the Spanish Universities' Rectors' Commission (CRUE), through its Spanish Universities International Relations Committee (CEURI) and took place between the 10th and the 14th of October 2010 in the Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canarias, Spain.

It is currently sponsored by the Spanish Agency of International Development Cooperation (AECID) and Casa Africa. The previous meetings were held in Madrid in 2007 and in Mozambique in 2008. **IIMSAM's Chief of Technology Facilitation and Institutional Development H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety** addressed the Health Working Group at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Las Palmas Gran Canarias (ULPGC). He expounded on how phycology per se and various micro-algae such as Spirulina can help the humankind secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

IIMSAM is working closely with the Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias, Gobierno de Canarias, Spain to make Spirulina a key-driver to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide especially in the context of developing and the least developed countries.

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H.E. Ambassador Remigio M. Maradona, IIMSAM Secretary General stated- *I congratulate Spain in taking lead to address various challenges to secure the UN MDGs, including the biggest one-malnutrition. I am confident that the cooperation with the Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias, Gobierno de Canarias, Spain shall help IIMSAM realise its ambition of a world free of malnutrition and hunger. I have no doubt that various initiatives by the Government of Spain such as the International Meeting of Universities with Africa would play a significant role to utilise scientific developments in various fields such as phycology and micro-algae for a better future for the humankind.*

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