



**1st FAO-BEFSCI Technical Consultation on "Criteria and Indicators on Sustainable Bioenergy Production that Safeguards Food Security"
(FAO Headquarters, Rome, 2-4 November 2009)**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, 2 November 2009 (Mexico Room)

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| 9:30 | Registration and coffee |
| 9:45 | Welcome note (P. Holmgren, FAO) |
| 10:00-10:05 | Presentation of the agenda (H. Thofern, FAO) |
| 10:05-10:20 | Overview of FAO's work on bioenergy (A. Agostini, FAO) |
| 10:20-10:45 | Overview of the Bioenergy and Food Security (BEFS) project (TBC, FAO) |
| 10:45-11:00 | Presentation of the Bioenergy and Food Security Criteria and Indicators (BEFSCI) project (A. Rossi, FAO) |
| 11:00-11:15 | Coffee break |
| 11:15-11:30 | Overview of the technical questions/issues to be discussed during the consultation |
| 11:30-13:00 | Presentation by the experts (max. 5 minutes each) of their written answers to question 1 (see below) |
| 13:00-14:15 | Lunch break |
| 14:15-15:45 | Discussion of issue 1 (see below) |
| 15:45-16:00 | Coffee break |
| 16:00-17:30 | Discussion of issue 1 (continued) |

Tuesday, 3 November 2009 (Mexico Room)

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| 8:30 | Registration and coffee |
| 9:00-10:45 | Presentation by the experts (max. 10 minutes each) of their written answers to question 2 (see attached file) |
| 10:45-11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00-12:45 | Discussion of issue 2 (see below) |
| 12:45-14:00 | Lunch break |
| 14:00-15:45 | Discussion of issue 2 (continued) |





- 15:45-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-18:00 Presentation by the experts (max. 10 minutes each) of their written answers to question 3 (see below)

Wednesday, 4 November 2009 (Mexico Room)

- 8:30 Registration and coffee
- 9:00-10:45 Discussion of issue 3
- 10:45-11 Coffee break
- 11:00-13:00 Wrap-up and conclusions

GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What are the key impacts (both positive and negative) of bioenergy production on food security and food security-related issues that should/must be assessed at the international, national, and project/site levels?

2. Which indicators should be used to measure these food security-related impacts of bioenergy production at the international, national, and project-site levels?
 - 2.1 Are these indicators already used or available at the appropriate/relevant level in most developing countries? If not, could these indicators be developed and measured? Which are the main difficulties in developing and using such indicators?
 - 2.2 Can the impacts arising from bioenergy production be isolated through these indicators? How?
 - 2.2.1 Are there proven methodologies to isolate the food security-related impacts arising from bioenergy production and/or from similar sectors/industries? What are the key strengths and weaknesses of these methodologies?

3. For the impacts (of bioenergy production on food security) for which an indicator cannot be identified or measured, can alternative qualitative assessment methods be used?
 - 3.1 What methods are already used or promising in this context?

