



The FAO's Bioenergy and Food Security Criteria and Indicators (BEFSCI) project aims to develop detailed principles, criteria and indicators on sustainable bioenergy production that safeguards food security. A first draft of these principles, criteria and indicators will be discussed at two technical consultations in November 2009 and early 2010. These will then be validated through international multi-stakeholder consultations, and subsequently field-tested.

The first FAO-BEFSCI technical consultation will take place at FAO Headquarters in Rome from 2 to 4 November 2009, with the following overall aims:

- to discuss the links between bioenergy production and food security; and
- to identify a preliminary set of criteria and indicators on sustainable bioenergy production that safeguards food security.

More precisely, this consultation aims to discuss and address the following technical questions/issues:

1. What are the key impacts (both positive and negative) of bioenergy production on food security and food security-related issues that should 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
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?

