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Rationale – why the conference

- **Food security and nutrition are high on the political agenda why?**
 - almost 870 million people are undernourished
 - Rising global food prices,
 - **threat posed by climate**
 - **deforestation and unplanned land-use changes**



Yet

The **many ways** in which forests, trees on farms and agroforestry systems contribute to food security and nutrition are:

- poorly understood,
- underestimated and
- inadequately reflected in many national strategies



Objectives

- increase understanding of the important role that forests, trees on farms and agroforestry systems can play in improving the food security and nutrition
- to propose ways to integrate this knowledge in policy decisions at the national and international levels



Theme 1: Benefits from forests, trees on farms and agroforestry systems for food security and nutrition

- *Food availability* – food from forests, trees on farms and agroforestry systems;
- *Food accessibility* – economic access to food through income generated by the production of forest and agroforestry products;
- *Food system stability* – ecosystem services performed by forests and trees that build or enhance the resilience of food production systems;
- *Food use*

Theme 2: Key challenges and bottlenecks

- Competition for natural resources;
- The impacts of climate change;
- Access and rights to resources and benefit-sharing;
- Lack of data, appropriate technologies to enhance the contributions
- Poor Service delivery (extension, research and technology transfer),
- Sectorial barriers.

Theme 3: Policy options, innovative approaches and emerging opportunities

- national policy & governance mechanisms
- Policy and regulatory reforms for secure tenure rights
- Strong and innovative rural institutions, to increase the uptake of good practices;
- New, appropriate and sustainable technologies to increase production
- Indigenous peoples and their knowledge and cultural values in shaping food-security policies;

Outcomes

- key messages and recommendations integrated into broader policy dialogues
- FAO's strategy to address food security and nutrition in an integrated, cross-sectoral manner.



Organizational aspects



- Partners
- Background Papers
- Participants
- Conference activities
- Online fora



For more information

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