L’Aquila Food Security Initiative and the Global Partnership for Food Security

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Following through on the commitments made at L’Aquila

Doing business differently

- Ensure accountability and implementation of commitments made at 2009 G8 Summit.

- Engage the over 40 signatories to the L’Aquila Joint Statement on Global Food Security.

- Harmonize and align Aquila signatories activities associated with these commitments.

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L’Aquila Food Security Initiative – a mechanism to advance commitments

**Background**

- Established in September 2009 with primary purpose of articulating L’Aquila pledges.

- Early agreement on need to harmonize and align commitments for increased accountability.

- Meetings in Washington (Sept 2009), Rome (Dec 2009), and Ottawa (April 2010).
AFSI – a focus on paying what you pledge

**AFSI-Tracking**

- Demand for articulation of individual donor AFSI pledges (ie: period of pledge, channel, and sector).
- Pledge information to be consistent, comparable, and verifiable.
- AFSI working with OECD-DAC to establish this tool.
Ottawa AFSI meeting – maintaining momentum on Aquila

AFSI-Ottawa Outcomes

Agreement on activities surrounding three areas:

1. Harmonization and Alignment in Support of Country-Led Initiatives
2. Tracking L’Aquila Pledges
3. Mapping Food Security Activities
AFSI – working toward greater harmonization and alignment

- Increased emphasis on demonstrating results.

- Maintain and encourage political momentum.

- Demand for additional information on status of food security initiatives in other regions.

- Regularizing DAC codes for better reporting on investments.
AFSI – tracking the Aquila pledges

- Tracking table was finalized.
- Agreement that G8 2010 Accountability Report be vehicle for reporting.
- Agreement that G8 Accountability Working group could track disbursements, in close coordination with OECD-DAC.
Demand for enhanced information on food security activities at country, regional and global levels.

Recognition that advancing global food security goes beyond AFSI financial commitments.

Agreement on need to coordinate AFSI efforts with ongoing CFS Mapping exercise.
AFSI – Continued efforts by the group supported by G8 Development Ministers

G8 2010 Development Ministerial

- G8 Development Ministerial called on AFSI to continue their work.

- Ministers stressed need to maintain focus on accountability and further harmonization around country-led activities.

- Greater emphasis on results and how these would be assessed by development partners.
Next steps on advancing the Aquila commitments

Next AFSI Meeting


- Objectives and agenda are being discussed. Broad themes likely to include:
  - Report on and review status of AFSI commitments (i.e., the tracking exercise).
  - Continued harmonization and alignment of AFSI food security activities.

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