



Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems

Media Overview:

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS), the foremost inclusive decision-making body on food security, took up the issue of how to ensure that investment contributes to food security and nutrition and agreed to develop Principles through a broad and inclusive consultation and negotiation process. CFS is a multi-stakeholder committee that is open to all member countries of the United Nations, UN bodies, civil society organizations and their networks, international research networks, international financial institutions, private sector organizations, and philanthropic organizations. In this regard, CFS is unique in the extent that all stakeholders are able to participate in debates and contribute to CFS decisions and outputs. CFS endorsed the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems October 15th, 2014, representing the first global consensus on defining how investment in agriculture and food systems can benefit those who need it most.

The Principles outline how investment in agriculture and food systems should address development challenges such as climate change, gender equality, health and welfare, youth engagement, and access to water, among others. The Principles address all types of investment in agriculture and food systems - public, private, large, small, and in both the production and processing spheres. They provide a framework that all stakeholders can use when developing national policies, programmes and regulatory frameworks, corporate social responsibility policies and programs, and individual agreements or contracts. The Principles also outline the roles of all types of investors from states, to business enterprises, to smallholders, who- while dispersed- are in aggregate the world's largest investors in primary agricultural production.

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