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Concept Note for Round Table 1: Minimizing the Negative Impact of the Food, Economic and Financial Crisis on World Food Security.

Objective

This round table will discuss the specific needs of different segments of society during a food security crisis, with special reference to smallholder farmers, and how to respond to those needs. This round table could have three outcomes:

- clarification of differences in the impacts of food security crises on smallholder farmers and of other affected population groups;
- identification of possible adjustments required in existing global response mechanisms to permit faster and more effective reaction that is specific to the needs of each affected population group when a crisis occurs; and
- guidance on how to accelerate investment response, within the context of the Accra Agenda for Action, in smallholder agriculture in times of food security crisis.

Discussion points

- What are the differences in the impacts of food security crises on smallholder farmers and on other affected population groups?
- What possible adjustments are required in existing global response mechanisms to permit a faster and more effective reaction that is specific to the needs of each affected population group when a crisis occurs?
- What guidance can be provided on the appropriateness of developing a new mechanism for mobilizing rapid response investments in smallholder agriculture in times of food security crisis?

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- What are the policy options and concrete actions required to address the food security concerns resulting from the crises, in particular the gaps in existing response mechanisms from the perspective of smallholder farmers?

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