



Civil society and non-governmental organizations Forum

FAO, Rome, 3 June 2008, 13:30-15:00

The civil society and non-governmental organizations (CSOs-NGOs) Forum will focus on three general questions concerning the impacts of soaring food prices, climate change and the growth of bioenergy on food security. Panellists representing CSOs/NGOs will be asked to respond to the following questions:

- How should countries combine regulations, tariffs, buffer stocks, market access and investments in agricultural production and processing to best support the poorest consumers, urban and rural, who are most affected by soaring food prices?
- How should food production be intensified to conserve natural resources, enhance ecosystems, and build on local diversity to sustain production and insure against hunger and food insecurity in the face of climate change?
- What are CSOs/NGOs views on policies on biofuel / bioenergy that do not hinder progress towards food security and enhance the livelihoods of poor urban and rural consumers?

Invited Speakers

- Mr. Pekka Pesonen, COPA-COGECA
- Mr. Paul Temple, International Federation of Agricultural Producers, IFAP
- Mr. Alberto Gomez Flores, La Via Campesina, North America
- Mr. Ndiogou Fall, Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs de l'Afrique de l'ouest, ROPPA
- Mr. Rene Lopez, Friends of the Earth
- Mr. Saul Vicente Vazquez, International Indian Treaty Council
- Mr. Marco De Ponte, Action Aid International, member of International Alliance Against Hunger, IAAH

Facilitator: Ms. Barbara Stocking, Oxfam International