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ROUNDTABLE 1

High food prices: causes, consequences and solutions

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Discussion points

1. What policies should governments take in the short run to protect vulnerable populations from the negative effects of food prices?
2. What are the best ways to enhance short-term supply response by farmers to high food prices?
3. How consistent are trade and other policy measures taken to increase food supplies and/or keep prices low in domestic markets with international commitments in the World Trade Organization?
4. What would be a strategy to re-launch agriculture and keep agriculture on top of the development agenda even when prices start leveling off?
5. What role do you think biofuels have played in increasing food prices in the recent past? And in the future?
6. What form can a coordinated international response to high food prices take?

Invited Speakers

- Hon. Mahaman Moussa, Minister of Agricultural Development, Niger
- Hon. Ed Schafer, Secretary of Agriculture, United States of America
- Ms. Barbara Stocking, Director, Oxfam
- Mr. Willem-Jan Laan, Director, Global External Affairs, Unilever N.V.
- Mr. Joachim von Braun, Director-General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)