

CoC-IEE Secretariat Draft – possible text for discussion FAO’s Vision and the Goals of Member Nations

Introduction: The text below has been developed taking into account the various comments made by Members, while preserving the structure of the previous three Goals. As the previous vision statement in the Strategic Framework 2000-2015 (paragraph 25) has been covered by the Functional Objective statement and Core Functions now suggested by management in its paper on Possible Strategic Objectives and Organizational Results for FAO, the text below incorporates an aspirational vision statement.

Possible Text for Discussion: FAO’s vision is of a world free of the scourge of hunger; a world where agriculture plays its role in sustainably lifting the living standards of all, especially the poorest, and a world in which agriculture contributes to the quality of life, especially the environment which humanity enjoys for the future. FAO will contribute as a partner in the multilateral system and as the global focal point for all aspects of food and agriculture to the achievement of this vision, working towards global consensus and action, providing global data, monitoring and analysis, and contributing direct technical assistance to its member developing countries to achieve the three goals of Member Nations:

1. food security for all, with adequate production and supply, securing availability, affordability and access so that all people at all times have sufficient nutritionally balanced and safe food, ensuring that chronic undernourishment is abolished from the earth;
2. the continued contribution of sustainable agriculture and rural development, including fisheries and forestry, to economic and social progress and human well-being, contributing to the development of sustainable livelihoods for all and the elimination of absolute poverty; and
3. the conservation, improvement and sustainable utilization of natural resources, including land, water, forest, fisheries and genetic resources for food and agriculture and the contribution of agriculture to the maintenance of these natural resources as well as the atmosphere and the climate.

Original text of the Vision and Goals (1999 Strategic Framework 2000-2015):

“The Organization’s vision of success is to remain fully responsive to the The Organization's vision of success is to remain fully responsive to the ideals and requirements of its Members, and to be recognized for leadership and partnership in helping to build a food-secure world.

In the coming 15 years it will be: a centre of excellence and an authoritative purveyor of knowledge and advice in the sphere of its mandate; a pre-eminent repository and provider of multidisciplinary capacities and services in the areas of its competence; an active partner of organizations, within and also outside the UN system, that share its goals and values; a well-managed, efficient and cost-effective institution; a mobilizer of international will and resources to assist its Members, as well as a responsible manager of the resources entrusted to it; and an effective communicator and advocate for its own goals and those of its Members.”

Global Goals: “

1. *access of all people at all times to sufficient nutritionally adequate and safe food, ensuring that the number of chronically undernourished people is reduced by half by no later than 2015;*
2. *the continued contribution of sustainable agriculture and rural development, including fisheries and forestry, to economic and social progress and the well-being of all; and*
3. *the conservation, improvement and sustainable utilization of natural resources, including land, water, forest, fisheries and genetic resources for food and agriculture.”*