

## ANNEX 1

# A view of FAO

## Strategic and functional objectives and regional representation

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### ■ Strategic objectives

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- Sustainable intensification of crop production
- Increased sustainable livestock production
- Sustainable management and use of fisheries and aquaculture resources
- Improved quality and safety of foods at all stages of the food chain
- Sustainable management of forests and trees
- Sustainable management of land, water and genetic resources and improved responses to global environmental challenges affecting food and agriculture
- Enabling environment for markets to improve livelihoods and rural development
- Improved food security and better nutrition
- Improved preparedness for, and effective response to, food and agricultural threats and emergencies
- Gender equity in access to resources, goods, services and decision-making in the rural areas
- Increased and more effective public and private investment in agriculture and rural development

### ■ Functional objectives

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- Effective collaboration with Member States and stakeholders
- Efficient and effective administration

**HEADQUARTERS****Rome, Italy****FAO REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL OFFICES****Africa**

Central Africa  
 Eastern Africa  
 North Africa  
 Southern Africa

**Accra, Ghana**

Libreville, Gabon  
 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
 Tunis, Tunisia  
 Harare, Zimbabwe

**West Africa****Accra, Ghana****Asia and the Pacific**

Pacific Islands

**Bangkok, Thailand**

Apia, Samoa

**Europe and Central Asia**

Central Asia  
 Central and Eastern Europe

**Budapest, Hungary**

Ankara, Turkey  
 Budapest, Hungary

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

Central America  
 Caribbean  
 Multidisciplinary team for South America

**Santiago, Chile**

Ancon, Panama  
 Bridgetown, Barbados  
 Santiago, Chile

**Near East**

Multidisciplinary Team for Oriental Near East  
 Gulf Cooperation Council States and Yemen

**Cairo, Egypt**

Cairo, Egypt  
 Abu Dhabi,  
 United Arab Emirates

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FAO's mandate is to assist its member countries and the international community in ensuring that all people have access to sufficient and safe and food. On a world scale, food production capacity is sufficient to satisfy this basic human right. Despite relentless efforts and comprehensive initiatives, the number of undernourished in the world has increased in the last half decade, peaking in 2009 to more than 1 billion – one in seven – people.

A decade into the 21st century, the world is facing a number of complex challenges, with serious implications for the state of global food security. The world's population is projected to reach 9 billion by 2050 and rural-urban migration is increasing considerably, with growth concentrated in today's developing countries. Globalization is affecting the agriculture sector and, together with economic expansion and urbanization, this is contributing to changing patterns in food consumption. Natural resources are being subject to unprecedented pressure from human activities, and marked climate and environmental changes are occurring, resulting in more frequent disasters and emergencies.

This book details current knowledge of these complex challenges and discusses likely implications for the food and agriculture sector and for hunger and poverty reduction efforts, including FAO's role in assisting its member countries in the coming years. Development practitioners, planners, decision-makers and all members of the international community with a genuine interest in hunger and poverty reduction will appreciate the book's broad and up-to-date coverage of global food security issues.

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