
L'Aquila Food Security Initiative and the Global Partnership for Food Security

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*Following through
on the commitments made at L'Aquila*

Doing business differently

- ▶ Ensure accountability and implementation of commitments made at 2009 G8 Summit.
- ▶ Engage the over 40 signatories to the L'Aquila Joint Statement on Global Food Security.
- ▶ Harmonize and align Aquila signatories activities associated with these commitments.



L'Aquila Food Security Initiative – a mechanism to advance commitments

Background

- ▶ Established in September 2009 with primary purpose of articulating L'Aquila pledges.
- ▶ Early agreement on need to harmonize and align commitments for increased accountability.
- ▶ Meetings in Washington (Sept 2009), Rome (Dec 2009), and Ottawa (April 2010).



AFSI – a focus on paying what you pledge

AFSI-Tracking

- ▶ Demand for articulation of individual donor AFSI pledges (ie: period of pledge, channel, and sector).
- ▶ Pledge information to be consistent, comparable, and verifiable.
- ▶ AFSI working with OECD-DAC to establish this tool.



Ottawa AFSI meeting – maintaining momentum on Aquila

AFSI-Ottawa Outcomes

▶ Agreement on activities surrounding three areas:

1. Harmonization and Alignment in Support of Country-Led Initiatives
2. Tracking L'Aquila Pledges
3. Mapping Food Security Activities



AFSI – working toward greater harmonization and alignment

- ▶ Increased emphasis on demonstrating results.
- ▶ Maintain and encourage political momentum.
- ▶ Demand for additional information on status of food security initiatives in other regions.
- ▶ Regularizing DAC codes for better reporting on investments.



AFSI – tracking the Aquila pledges

- ▶ Tracking table was finalized.
- ▶ Agreement that G8 2010 Accountability Report be vehicle for reporting.
- ▶ Agreement that G8 Accountability Working group could track disbursements, in close coordination with OECD-DAC.



AFSI – Mapping broader food security activities

- ▶ Demand for enhanced information on food security activities at country, regional and global levels.
- ▶ Recognition that advancing global food security goes beyond AFSI financial commitments.
- ▶ Agreement on need to coordinate AFSI efforts with ongoing CFS Mapping exercise.



AFSI – Continued efforts by the group supported by G8 Development Ministers

G8 2010 Development Ministerial

- ▶ G8 Development Ministerial called on AFSI to continue their work.
- ▶ Ministers stressed need to maintain focus on accountability and further harmonization around country-led activities.
- ▶ Greater emphasis on results and how these would be assessed by development partners.

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Next steps on advancing the Aquila commitments

Next AFSI Meeting

- ▶ Addis Ababa Dec. 8-10, 2010.
- ▶ Objectives and agenda are being discussed.
Broad themes likely to include:
 - ▶ Report on and review status of AFSI commitments (i.e., the tracking exercise).
 - ▶ Continued harmonization and alignment of AFSI food security activities.