



**“Food Price Volatility and the Role of Speculation” with the participation of
His Excellency Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic
Sheikh Zayed Centre, FAO Headquarters, 6 July 2012**

Programme

9.30 – 10.15 hrs. PART I. Introduction

1. Introductory remarks by José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of FAO
2. Keynote address by His Excellency Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic

10.15 – 12.15 hrs. PART II. Panel Discussion

1. Latest developments in food price volatility and its drivers
Boubaker BenBelhassen, Principal Officer, Trade and Markets Division, FAO
2. Opening statements from panellists
3. Open discussion

12.15 – 12.30 hrs. PART III. Conclusions

1. Concluding remarks by His Excellency Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic
2. Closing remarks by José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of FAO