

# **Transcript of the interview with Nobel Laureate Tawakkol Karman, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, for the Launch of the FAO-Nobel Laureates Alliance**

## **FAO-Nobel Peace Laureates Alliance for Food Security and Peace**

(00:00) Question 1 – How do you view the FAO-Nobel Laureates Alliance? (not recorded)

I think we should be one hand to eradicate hunger and also to eradicate poverty, it's the only way to guarantee peace. There is no peace without food security and also there is no food security without peace. So, this is our way for achieving our goals for making peace in our countries, in our region and also all over the world. This is our duty. Without making good efforts to fight poverty, the conflicts in the world will increase.

(00:42) Question 2 – How can your experience in the non-violent struggle for women's safety contribute to the success of the Alliance? (not recorded)

I am so happy now that I am part of this very important Alliance. So, that will give me a chance to implement the Sustainable Development Agenda, I was member of the people of the High-Official Committee that was appointed by the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, to write the Sustainable Development Agenda post-2015. So, this is a very important opportunity for me to contribute in implementing.

(01:17) Question 3 – What will be your broader contribution to the building of peace and food security? (not recorded)

We should work together to make this world without hunger. We should work together to make this world without poverty. We should work to make this world without corruption. We should work together to make this world without war. This is our big duty. And I think if we will be one hand, if we are serious, if we take the responsibility, real responsibility, we will win. And who are we, we as UN, we as governments, we as NGOs, we as private sector. This is our responsibility for making this world better.

(02:06) Question 4 – What concrete actions are you going to propose to the new-borne Alliance? (not recorded)

After the announcement of our Alliance, we should now start with meeting each other, putting plans, putting strategies, you know, for the most important icons that we gathered for, which are food security and peace. We have to put the strategies, we have to put plans and we have to put also mechanisms for the implementation, And also we should guarantee that, and we should make a big effort for how to finance, you know, our efforts and our dream to implement the Sustainable Development Agenda, especially in the goals of eradicating poverty and eradicating hunger and also to guarantee access to justice – which means peace.

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