

**The Thirty-second Session of
the Committee on World Food Security**
FAO Headquarters, Rome, Italy
30 October to 4 November 2006

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) is the United Nations System's central forum for the review of and follow-up to policies concerning world food security, including:

- food production;
- the sustainable use of the natural resource base for food security;
- nutrition;
- physical and economic access to food and other food security related aspects of poverty eradication; and
- the implications of food trade for world food security.

The CFS also has direct responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action.

In November 1996, Heads of State and Governments from 186 countries gathered at the World Food Summit (WFS) in Rome to pledge their political will and commitment to eradicating hunger, with an immediate view of reducing the number of undernourished people by half no later than 2015. In June 2002, they reiterated this pledge at the next gathering of the *World Food Summit: five years later*.

At the September 2002 Millennium Summit, Heads of State and Governments, representing more than 155 countries, committed themselves to reducing the proportion of people suffering from hunger by half by 2015.

The Thirty-second Session

The Committee will consider the current world food security situation, including trends and prospects. In addition, the implications of avian influenza for global and regional food security will be covered as a special issue.

In the framework of the Special Forum, the CFS will also undertake:

- an assessment of progress made in the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (PoA); and
- a mid-term review of progress made in reaching the targets of the WFS PoA.

Agenda

Opening meeting of the CFS: Monday, 30 October 2006
 09.00 hours
 Plenary Hall, FAO Headquarters, Rome

In order to facilitate access to the meeting, the registration of delegates will start on Sunday 29 October from 09.00h-12.00h and from 14.00h-17.00h and will be continued on Monday 30 October at 7.00h.

Provisional Agenda and Notes for the Session:

http://www.fao.org/UNFAO/Bodies/cfs/cfs32/index_en.htm

The Special Forum

A World Free of Hunger: Progress and Prospects for Achieving the World Food Summit Plan of Action

This year, the Special Forum of the CFS will bring together governments, international institutions, civil society, the private sector and other actors in a “multi-stakeholder dialogue” to look at what was accomplished in the last decade and, more importantly, how to succeed in achieving common goals by 2015. Discussions will be based on the balanced participation of representatives from different regions, stakeholder groups and institutions.

An assessment of successful actions taken towards meeting the Commitments of the WFS Plan of Action over the last decade will be the starting point for discussions. The Special Forum will then focus on its principal objective of identifying ways for diverse groups of actors to work individually and jointly to tackle the basic causes of hunger and poverty over the next ten years. To this end, areas crucial to success – aid and investment, agrarian reform and rural development – will be the focus of a collective debate.

There will be a pre-meeting on Sunday, 29 October 2006, from 15.00 to 18.00 hours in the Iran room, to brief the non-governmental stakeholders on organizational matters for the week and to decide on the structure and spokespersons for interventions during the Special Forum.

For more information regarding the Special Forum please see:

ftp://ftp.fao.org/unfao/bodies/cfs/cfs32/Special_ForumE.pdf

Languages

The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish.

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