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AGENDA

A glossary of abbreviations can be found at the end of this document

Evening of 17 January:

► Welcome of delegates

18 JANUARY 2010

8.00 – 13.00 : OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Session chaired by: His Excellency **Mr Abdoulaye Wade**, President of the Republic of Senegal

What scientific progress is being made on food security and what is the medium and long term outlook? What role should agriculture play in efforts to further development? What commitments should international organisations, central governments and regional and local authorities make? Which measures should be taken to honour these commitments at international and national level? What role should regional and local government play? This first half-day session aims to explore the issue of food security in terms of both scientific aspects and the policies currently used to deal with it.

8.00-9.00 Delegates registration

9.00-9.10 Opening addresses

- **Mr El Hadj Malick Gakou**, President of Dakar Regional Council
- **Mr Aliou Niang**, President of the Association of Senegalese Regions

9.10 – 9.15 **Word of thanks** by **Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian**, President of Brittany Region

9.15 – 9.20 **Presentation of the agenda** by **Mr Xavier Gizard**, Secretary General of FOGAR

9.20 – 10.30 **Introductory lectures:**

- "The global food situation: what is the problem, what are the issues and what is the medium and long-term outlook?" **Mr Bernard Hubert**, President of Agropolis.
- "Worldwide action for food security" **Mr David Nabarro**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General on Food Security and Nutrition

- o The role of the Regions in the field of food security: messages from the Scientific Committee set up for the purposes of the Summit, **Pr. Michel Foucher**, *Ecole Nationale Supérieure, France*
- o Governance reform within the Committee on Food Security, **Mr Richard China**, Director of the Division of Politics Assistance and Resources Mobilization, FAO

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 11.30 Formal addresses

- o **Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian**, President of Brittany Region
- o His Excellency **Mr Abdoulaye Wade**, President of the Republic of Senegal

11.30 - 12.45 Round Table No. 1: "The importance of the decentralized level in strategies for eradication of hunger"

- o Which national and supranational public policies should be adopted with a view to boosting local production and encouraging food sovereignty? What role should the Regions play in promoting the revival of family-run farms? **Mr Mamadou Cissokho**, Honorary President of ROPPA
- o Food Security Strategies for States of India: Implication for Involving the Local Bodies, **Dr. Simrit Kaur**, University of New Delhi.
- o Food security steering and coordination bodies at supra-regional, national and decentralized levels: characteristics and roles in the good governance of food security / some case studies in the Sahel and West Africa, **Dr. Keffing Sissoko**, Food Security Expert, CILSS
- o The increased importance of decentralized cooperation in the field of food security, **Mr Thierry Cornillet**, President of AIRF

12.45 - 13.00 Conclusions of the morning session and presentation of the thematic sessions, the expectations and working priorities for the Dakar Summit by **Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian**, President of Brittany Region

13.00-14.30: Lunch at the Summit venue

14.30-18-30: SPECIFIC THEMATIC SESSIONS 3 parallel thematic sessions

Coffee breaks for the 3 thematic sessions: 16.20 - 16.40

Aims of the thematic sessions

One afternoon and one full morning will be devoted to six workshops. This will enable the Regions to draw on practical experience in order to give their views on their needs, their added value and their proposals for action to improve food security.

This exchange of information on local initiatives will make it possible to draw some conclusions and prepare some action plans and suggestions for improvements which will be relayed to the closing plenary session. It will also help identify how the regional level can best be used for the development of new partnerships alongside and complementary to schemes run by other levels of public authorities.

Lastly, these workshops should answer the following four questions:

- i.** In which areas can the Regions act to effectively reduce people's food insecurity?
- ii.** In what respect is the Region the relevant sphere for leading these actions?
- iii.** Which policy recommendations may be made to boost regional actions in the field of food security?
- iv.** What methodological tools for effective partnerships?

THEMATIC SESSION 1

IMPROVING FOOD AVAILABILITY: FROM PRODUCTION TO MARKETING, WHAT SUPPORT SHOULD REGIONS/LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROVIDE?

Chair: Mr Alain Yvergniaux, Regional Councillor, Brittany Region

Coordinator: Mr Christian Taupiac, General Council of the French Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries

The Regions are key players when it comes to tackling the structural constraints facing farmers as they develop their farm production. In providing material assistance, supporting the restructuring of the fisheries and farming industries and developing credit systems, they are working in cooperation with national authorities and other local authorities in order to improve food availability. To meet consumer demand, these foodstuffs must be processed, packaged and then transported before being brought to the market in strategic locations, to ensure that areas with shortages are networked with areas with surpluses. Support is given to local initiatives and decentralised cooperation schemes on these issues. Which other measures could be envisaged in order to improve the availability of foodstuffs? What do the Regions do in order to encourage farm production in particular geographical areas? What are the many constraints they face? How can regional and local action on these issues be improved?

THEMATIC SESSION 2

WHAT ACTION SHOULD THE REGIONS TAKE TO COUNTER THE SPREAD OF MALNUTRITION?

Chair: Mr Paul Carrasco, President of OLAGI

Coordinators: Ms Florence Egal, FAO Nutrition and Consumer Protection Division
Ms Marie Imbs, Food Security Policy Officer, CPMR/FOGAR

In many regions in the world, people in rural and urban areas suffer from macro and micro-nutrient deficiencies. To deal with this problem, a wide variety of programmes to prevent malnutrition have been developed, entailing schemes to develop the nutritional quality of seeds, food diversification projects and nutritional education. These programmes are of vital importance because balanced nutrition cannot just be achieved as a result of increased food availability. A significant proportion of malnutrition can be attributed to a lack of knowledge about the quantities and types of food required in order to live a healthy and productive life. This is particularly true with regard to the diets of children and breast-feeding mothers. What are the Regions doing to promote food diversity? What impact do local nutritional education programmes have? What other means should be developed in order to alleviate malnutrition? Lastly, there are various forms of malnutrition and, if it is to be dealt with effectively, it needs to be identified in a precise manner and tackled at local level. How can this process be supported?

THEMATIC SESSION 3

LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES: DRIVERS OF ACTION IN ENSURING ACCESS TO FOOD FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS AND IN THE PROGRESSIVE REALISATION OF THE RIGHT TO FOOD

Chair: Mr Olivier De Schutter, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

Coordinator: Mr Gaëtan Vanloqueren, Adviser to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

The right to food has been recognised since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. However, rural people and some urban populations continue to have a low income and their access to food is becoming increasingly difficult. This situation is made worse by poverty, economic recessions and climate variations. Strategies and measures are required in order to help the most vulnerable people access food, in particular via the improvement and diversification of incomes and the establishment of safety nets. What range of instruments could be envisaged in order to give the most vulnerable groups of people access to food? How can the Regions intervene in order to develop these instruments? To adapt food safety nets and determine the type of intervention required, an understanding of the geographical breakdown of food insecurity is necessary. How are local authorities involved in efforts to assess the food situation? How do local and regional authorities meet the immediate food needs of the most vulnerable groups of people and develop longer-term protection mechanisms at the same time?

Cocktail and Buffet from 19.00 onwards

08.30–12.30: CROSS-TOPIC SESSIONS
3 parallel thematic sessions

Coffee breaks for the 3 thematic sessions: 10.20 – 10.40

THEMATIC SESSION 4

USING TERRITORIES' EXPERTISE TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY: TRAINING, SKILLS TRANSFER, FACILITATION, STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT, INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT

Chair: Mrs Pascale Cauchy, Regional Councillor Delegate for decentralized cooperation, Basse-Normandie Region (France)

Coordinator: Basse-Normandie Region (France)

The Regions are doing more and cooperating more in the field of exchanges of agricultural skills and technical and vocational agricultural education. The effects are noticeable in both the short and long term. Several of the structural factors causing food insecurity can be tackled through support and training for sectoral organisations. It is therefore urgent to promote and revitalise agricultural and rural vocational training schemes and to include them within agricultural policies. Donor and beneficiary Regions all have a support role to play, from the training of public technical services to the training of farmers. What are the needs of the Regions from the South? Who are the main players in training and what powers do the Regions have in this field? What are the challenges and limits of local initiatives in the field of vocational training and agricultural education? Which training measures should be developed for elected officials and public technical services? Which are the opportunities for developing, through regional partnerships, resource centres in agriculture and food science? How can a participative approach be fostered in order to spread the impact of efforts to organise and support stakeholders? How can the development of forums for dialogue and discussion between multiple stakeholders be encouraged?

THEMATIC SESSION 5

THE ROLE OF REGIONAL/LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Chair: Mr Charles Katiza, Chairman of ACP Local Government Platform

Coordinator: Mr Alexis de Bertout, Adviser for the FAO Decentralized Cooperation Program

Regional and local authorities have the powers and/or are organised in such a way as to ensure a sustainable management of natural resources in their territory in order to guarantee food security in the face of risks related to climate change. These adaptation measures meet various challenges to be addressed in this workshop:

- What methods of integrated and sustainable management of natural resources based on territories and operated by local actors are possible?
- What risk and adaptation management mechanisms can be introduced in favour of populations most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change in order to guarantee them food security?
- Is the local level the right level for formulating climate change adaptation and mitigation policies? How should the impacts of climate change be integrated into food security policies at the local level?
- What tools, technologies and methodologies are available for local authorities and actors to help manage natural resources and the impacts of climate change?

THEMATIC SESSION 6

THE FINANCING OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL SCHEMES TO ALLEVIATE FOOD INSECURITY: WHICH INNOVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND TOOLS SHOULD BE USED NOW AND IN THE FUTURE?

Chair: Mr Abdoulaye Sène, MP, Councillor and former President of Fatick Region, Senegal

Coordinator: Mr Bertrand Hervieu, Inspector General, French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

The financing of local initiatives constitutes the cornerstone of local food security governance. There is currently a wide range of funding instruments, both public and private, but this is insufficient and does not allow the Regions to meet the challenges they face each day with regard to food. This problem is due to a lack of coordination, dialogue and clarity about what the Regions are really doing on food security. What efforts should be made to encourage the financing and development of local action programmes? How can financial partners be given what they need in order to take decisions and action in terms of investment policies and strategies in the agricultural and rural sector? How do the major donor agencies finance local schemes? With which regulations and what limits to the financing of long-term schemes? What involvement from the private sector? What place for "social business"? Which innovative means of financing can be used for food security? How would it be possible to strengthen the Regions' ability to negotiate with central governments and/or donor agencies? And does decentralised cooperation constitute a means of financing effective agricultural and food policies?

12.30-14.00: Lunch at the Summit venue

14.00 – 19.00: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Moderator: Mr Hegel Goutier, Editor, *Le Courrier* magazine

What recommendations and action plans to improve the food situation by the Regions? How to foster the emergence of a world food policy that integrates all regional actors allowing countries to rebuild their food sovereignty? How to step up the CPMR's and FOGAR's action on food security in partnership with donor agencies?

14.00 – 14.15 Welcome and presentation of the closing session, **Mr Xavier Gizard**

14.15 – 15.15 **Summary of the thematic sessions by the Chairs**

- o The strengths and difficulties of local and regional actions
- o Highlighting of the importance and impact of decentralized cooperation schemes
- o Recommendations for the future for each theme
- o Suggestions on the future organization of negotiations for the implementation of the recommendations.

Conclusions by **Mr Xavier Gizard**, Secretary General of FOGAR

15.15 – 16.15 **Round Table No. 2: "Courses of action led by the Regions in the field of food security"**

- o **Mr Patrice Nikiéma**, President, Centre Region (Burkina Faso), President of the Association of Regions of Burkina Faso
- o **Mr David Minoves**, Director General of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Catalonia (Spain)
- o **Mr Roger Ménard**, Director, Economic and Political Analysis Division, Ministry of International Relations, Quebec (Canada)
- o **Mr Aliou Niang**, President of Saint-Louis Region (Senegal) and Chair of the Association of Senegalese Regions

16.15 – 16.45 Plenary debate

16.45 – 17.00 **Presentation of the Final Declaration of the Regions** by **Mr Gakou**, President of Dakar Regional Council

17.00 – 19.00: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION (cont)

~~17.00 – 19.00 Closing session: “What International Organizations and States expect from and how they intend to support regional actions on food security”~~

- **Mr Karim Wade**, State Minister, Minister of International Cooperation, Planning, Air Transport and Infrastructures, Senegal
- **Mrs Fatou Gaye Sarr**, Minister of Agriculture, Senegal
- **Mr Hafez Ghanem**, Assistant Director-General for FAO's Economic and Social Development Department
- **Mr Yannick Glemarec**, Director of Environmental Finance, UNDP
- **Mr Luis Riera Figueras**, Director, Direction B, Development policy: thematic questions, DG Development, European Commission
- **Mr Olivier De Schutter**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food
- **Mr Ismaïl K. Binguitcha-Fare**, Commissioner in charge of the Department of Rural Development, Natural Resources and Environment of the WAEMU
- **Mr Jean-Michel Debrat**, Deputy Director General, AFD
- **Mr Antoine Joly**, Delegate for Communities Foreign Action, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Mr Josep Lluís Carod-Rovira**, Vice President of the Government of Catalonia

Gala Dinner and entertainment from 19.30 onwards

20 JANUARY

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

9.00 – 17.00 Visit of Gorée Island (exact times to be confirmed)

Glossary of acronyms:

AFD: French Development Agency

AIRF: International Association of French-speaking Regions

CILSS: Permanent Inter - State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel

CPMR: Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

EC: European Commission

EU: European Union

FAO: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FOGAR: Forum of Global Associations of Regions

GEF: Global Environment Facility

NRG4SD: Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development

OLAGI: Latin American Organization of Intermediate Governments

ROPPA: Network of Peasant Organizations and Farm Producers in West Africa

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme

WAEMU: West African Economic and Monetary Union

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