



AGENDA AND TIMETABLE (provisional)

Policies to Respond to High Food Prices in Asia and the Pacific Region

1-2 October 2012, Bangkok, Thailand
Plaza Athénée, A Royal Méridien

High-Level Regional Consultation on Policies to Respond to High Food Prices in Asia and the Pacific Region

Day 1

Time	Session
8:30-9:00 hrs.	Registration
OPENING SESSION	
50 minutes 9:00- 9:50 hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome address by FAO Welcome address by co-organizers Welcome address by host government
9:50- 10:20 hrs. Coffee break	
SESSION 1: Review of global and regional food security and food price situation and future trends Chair: Mr Kenro Oshidari, Regional Director, Bureau for Asia, WFP	
30 minutes 10:20- 10:50 hrs.	Global and regional situation and trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Ramesh Sharma, Coordinator, Economic, Social and Policy Assistance Group, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.
SESSION 2: Sharing country situation and experiences Chair: Mr. Ganesh Thapa, Regional Economist, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD .	
100 minutes 10:50-12:30 hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statements by Ministers of Agriculture (in alphabetical order, by country name) Statements by representatives of Regional Economic Organizations
12:30-14:00 hrs. Lunch	

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PANEL DISCUSSION: Analysis of key lessons and policy responses from previous food price crises Moderated by: Mr William Pesek, Asia-Pacific Columnist, Bloomberg News	
90 minutes 14:00- 15:30 hrs.	Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons learnt from 2007/08 by Prof. Sisira Jayasuriya Implications for growth and poverty in the region from high food prices by Ms Lourdes Adriano, Advisor on Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development, ADB Opportunities for Smallholders to Benefit from High Food Prices, Mr. Ganesh Thapa, Regional Economist, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD. Safety nets by Mr Kenro Oshidari, Regional Director, Bureau for Asia, WFP Regional initiatives to respond to high food prices by Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, ADG/RR, FAO
15:30- 15:50hrs. Coffee break	
SESSION 2: Sharing country situation and experiences (continued) Chair: Ms Lourdes Adriano, Advisor on Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development, ADB	
100 minutes 15:50-17:30 hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statements by country representatives at non-ministerial level Statements by other participants
18:30- 21:00 hrs. Welcome reception by Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, ADG/RR FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	



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SESSION 3: Raising awareness of recent global initiatives Chair: (TBC)	
60 minutes 9:00- 10:00 hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agricultural Market Information System, AMIS The Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics and its Regional Action Plan High and volatile food prices: FAO Support to Country Level Contingency Planning High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report on climate change High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) social protection for food security
SESSION 4/ BREAK-OUT SESSIONS: Identification of future policy options and measures to prevent the re-emergence of another food price crisis Chair: (TBC)	
150 minutes 10:00- 12:30 hrs. (with tea/coffee service at 10:30hrs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food exporting countries Food importing countries Countries which are more or less self-sufficient
12:30-14:00 hrs. Lunch	

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SESSION 5/PLENARY DISCUSSION: Multidisciplinary dialogue Moderator A: (TBC); Moderator B: (TBC)	
120 minutes 14:00- 16:00 hrs.	<p>A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations by break-out groups Question and answers <p>B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder dialogue on future cooperation and collaboration
16:00- 16:20hrs. Coffee break	
SESSION 4: Conclusions , key messages and feedback Chair: Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, ADG/RR, FAO	
90 minutes 16:20-17:30 hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conclusions and key messages on the way forward Feedback by participants on the regional consultations
30 minutes 17:30-18:00 hrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concluding remarks by Chair and co-organizers