

Regional Workshop in Cameroon to promote the advocacy on the Right to Food

The Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition (AAHM) is following up on recommendations made by National Alliances at their first consultation held in June 2010 in Rome to make an effort to go regional.

The first step towards creating new regional alliances was taken in 27-29 June 2011, in Yaoundé. Representatives from 11 National Alliances met to launch a network of Alliances for francophone Central and Western African countries.

The meeting was organised by the National Alliance of Cameroon and opened by football star Roger Milla who confirmed and extended his support to all African Alliances. Representatives from Ministries of Agriculture, Health and Forestry also attended the event and welcomed proposals from the fledgling network of Alliances to adjust current policies on food and nutrition security. Results of the meetings exceeded expectations; Ms Christine Andela, Coordinator of the host National Alliance, was appointed first (rotating) president of the new regional network, in recognition of her effortless commitment and of the outstanding results of the Alliance of Cameroon.

The project "Coherent Food Security Responses: Incorporating Right to Food into Global and Regional Food Security Initiatives" participated in the regional workshop to present the different Right to Food advocacy approaches, and to assist in the identification of the specific advocacy needs and help develop the capacities of National/Regional Alliances to design and implement the appropriate Right to Food Strategy according to the different contexts.





