



**Sub-Regional Consultation on Policy and Programmatic Actions
to Address High Food Prices in the Pacific Sub-Region**

**Nadi, Fiji
14-15 April 2011**

Provisional Agenda and Timetable

Day One: 14 April 2011

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| 8.30 – 9.30 | Welcome remarks by Mr Hiroyuki Konuma, ADG/RR, FAO-RAP
Opening address by Mr. Mason Smith, Chief Executive Officer (CEO),
Ministry of Agriculture, Fiji
Introduction to the Sub-Regional Consultation by Mr David Phiri, Chief,
TCSP, FAO Headquarters
Introduction of participants
Nomination of facilitation group members |
| 9.30 – 10.15 | Session 1: Overview of the global and regional trends in food prices
(Mr David Phiri, Chief, TCSP, FAO headquarters, Mr Purushottam
Mudbhary, Coordinator, ESP/FAO-RAP, and UNICEF) |
| 10.15 – 10.45 | Tea/coffee break |
| 10.45 – 11.45 | Session 2: Panel discussion - Experiences and policy lessons from 2007-
2008 food crisis in Pacific sub-region (Mr Steven Rogers, UNICEF, and
may include Fiji, Kiribati)

Plenary discussion |
| 11.45 – 12.30 | Session 3: Panel discussion - development partners on the high food
prices in the sub-region and their initiatives to address it (on request
from development partners)

Plenary discussion |
| 12.30 – 2.00 | Lunch break |

2.00 – 3.30	<p>Session 4: Parallel break-out group sessions</p> <p>Break-out group discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent developments in prices of major food commodities - Current supply situation for major agricultural commodities - Policy and programme measures undertaken to address them - Problems/constraints in implementing the policies and programmes <p>Results of policies/programme implementation</p>
3.30 – 4.00	Tea/coffee break
4.00 – 5.00	Break-out group presentation and discussion ¹
5:00 - 5:30	Report to plenary by the break-out groups and discussion

Day Two: 15 April 2011

8.30 – 10.30	<p>Session 5: Policy and programmatic options to address price increases and volatility</p> <p>(Mr Jamie Morrison, Senior Economist, EST, FAO headquarters)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policies to support increased production - Trade and supply management policies to stabilize domestic food prices - Food subsidies and safety net policies to protect consumers <p>Panel discussion Plenary discussion</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Tea/coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Session 6: Parallel break-out group sessions to discuss and generate recommendations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which groups/countries are most vulnerable to the high food price crisis? - The specific support needed from development partners in the short and long run to address differing vulnerabilities of groups/countries - Step to be undertaken to launch dialogues on policies and programmatic actions at the country level - Existing processes and suggested improvements to mobilize support from development partners <p>Arrangements for monitoring, updating and sharing of information on price changes, policy measures and results</p>

¹ Break-out groups:

1. Countries that have comparatively high ratio of total food import costs to foreign earnings
2. Countries that have comparatively low ratio total food import costs to foreign earnings

12.30 – 2.00	Lunch break
2.00 – 3.00	Break-out group presentations and stakeholder dialogue on cooperation and collaboration
3.00 – 3.30	Tea/coffee break
3.30 – 4.30	Session 7: Conclusions, key messages and the way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">- conclusions and key messages- the way forward – next steps
4.30 – 5.00	Closing remarks