

Global trends and future challenges for the work of the Organization

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Context

- Strategic Thinking Process
 - Identify food and agriculture challenges
 - Reorganize FAO's work to address challenges
- FAO programme and budget process from 2010
 - Strategic Framework – review in 2012
 - Medium Term Plan – prepare new for 2014-17
- Lessons learned from 2010-11
 - need better strategic planning
 - define clear priorities, fewer activities
 - align objectives and programmes top to bottom to top
 - build on country and regional needs

Strategic Thinking Process

- Participatory, consultative, iterative approach
 - Look outside and address external challenges
 - Acquire bottom-up inputs from countries and regions
 - Review and refine FAO's comparative advantages and core functions
 - Link with partners









Major Global Trends

- 1) **Increasing food demand**
- 2) Evolving natural resources' constraints
- 3) Energy security and scarcity
- 4) **Dynamic food prices and food price volatility**
- 5) Changing agrarian systems and globalization of food production
- 6) **Evolving patterns in food trade and policies**
- 7) Impact of climate change
- 8) Role of science and technology in agricultural productivity
- 9) Evolving multi-lateral development architecture
- 10) Increasing vulnerability to disasters and crises
- 11) Evolution of rural poverty issues

Main Challenges

- 1) Increase Sustainable Production - contribution to growth, development, climate change adaptation and mitigation
- 2) Eradicate food insecurity, nutrient deficiencies and unsafe food
- 3) Rational food consumption and nutrition, and reduce food waste
- 4) Improve livelihoods – rural, smallholder farmers, women
- 5) Ensure fairer food and agriculture systems
- 6) Increase resilience – livelihoods, agriculture and food security threats and shocks
- 7) Strengthen governance mechanisms at national, regional and global levels

CCP perspective

- Extent to which main challenges are consistent with the priorities within the mandate of CCP
- Specificities and priorities relating to CCP that should be incorporated in the challenges, objectives and action plans

Thank you