

# Food Security Information Network (FSIN)

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# What is FSIN?

- A ***community of practice*** (a network) for strengthened food security and nutrition information systems at country and regional levels
- It brings together ***world-wide capacity in information systems development*** for food security and nutrition
- It seeks to ***better link information to decision-making*** in food security and nutrition policy and programme formulation
- FSIN promotes ***local ownership*** and is ***demand-driven***

# FSIN Objectives

## FSIN aims to:

- establish food security and nutrition data/information standards
- harmonize methods and tools for information systems development
- share best practices (through south-south collaboration and global knowledge sharing)
- identify funding through a small grants facility in support of regional and national info. systems
- provide access to global data sets and information

# FSIN: Linkages with other initiatives

FSIN aims to interact with - and provide support to – various initiatives, including:

- Regional early warning/food security information systems managed by regional institutions (ASEAN; SADC; CILSS; IGAD; SICA;..)
- National food security information systems (various)
- Agency initiatives: FAO; IFPRI; WFP; UNICEF; WHO; FEWSNET
- Inter-agency initiatives: FAO/WFP ISFNS, Integrated FS Phase Classification (IPC) and AMIS (G-20)
- Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics

# FSIN Consultative Conference - Nairobi

**2009:** Joint FAO –WFP External Evaluation of FS information work

**2010:** Stakeholder Symposium held in Brussels (hosted by the EC)

- establishment of an '*Informal Committee*' to prepare a road map paper (led by FAO, IPFRI and WFP with support from EU and USAID )

**2011:** Consultative Conference in Nairobi, Kenya

- Participation of regional organizations, UN Agencies (FAO, IFPRI, UNICEF, WFP) and resource partners (European Union, France, United States) to review and validate “FSIN Road Map”
- Broad agreement and support from key stakeholders to constitute FSIN as a global network

# Components and functions of the Food Security Information Network (FSIN)

