



# *Delivering a Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production in Food and Agriculture*

**A side-event convened by FAO and UNEP, and supported by the Government of Switzerland**

*21 May 2012 – Rome, FAO Headquarters: Iran room*

## Agenda

Food production is vitally important to national economies, to meet development goals, to rural livelihoods and to human survival. The programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Food and Agriculture is catalyzing partnerships between UN agencies, other international agencies, governments, industry, and civil society whose activities, together, can promote the essential transition to sustainability.

This programme promoting international cooperation on policies, investments, production and consumption patterns, is critical to meet food security, economic and environmental needs. Following introductory remarks by the Assistant Director General - AG of FAO on the rationale and expectations from the programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will present the outline of the programme, specifically looking at key activity areas already identified by the Task Force on SCP in Food and Agriculture. Panellists from Costa Rica, The Netherlands, Ghana, and Switzerland, will share their experiences and needs on implementing activities on SCP in the food sector, and also their expectations of this programme.

The discussions at this side event aim to raise awareness and support for the implementation of this programme, and to ensure that this crucial sector is effectively supported by the expected CSD 20 decision.

- 12:30 – 12:40** Opening of the side event by **Mr. Modibo Traoré** (FAO)
- 12:40 – 12:50** Presentation of the 10 YFP and the Task Force on SCP by **Mr. Francois Pythoud** (Switzerland)
- 12:50 – 13:00** Presentation of FAO-UNEP Programme on Sustainable Food Systems by **Mr. James Lomax** (UNEP)
- Rationale
  - Activities
  - Role of the Task Force to drive implementation
- 13:00 – 13:35** Panel Discussion including the following participants: Mr. Francois Pythoud, Switzerland; H.E. Hassan Abouyoub, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to Italy; Mr. Marco Marzano, World Farmer Organization; Mr. James Lomax, (UNEP); and Mr. Alexandre Meybeck, FAO.
- Panellists will be asked to comment on the programme and specifically discuss the following:
- Which innovative policies, market-based mechanisms and financial tools could be implemented to provide the incentives for more resource-efficient production and consumption in the food sector?
  - How could the programme make tangible progress in achieving SCP in the food sector?
  - What are the key challenges you are facing in your specific food systems and countries?
- 13:35 – 13:55** Open the floor to questions and / or comments: how can we make this programme work for all stakeholders in supporting the shift to SCP patterns?
- 13:55 – 14:00** Wrap-up

*Interpretation services will be provided in English, French and Spanish*

*Light refreshments will be served*