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QUESTIONNAIRE TO FAO MEMBER NATIONS ON THE ROLE OF FAO

Explanatory Notes

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This questionnaire is part of a consultative process that the Director-General is initiating with the full membership of FAO. The aim is to help ensure the continued relevance of the Organization and to enhance its ability to meet the needs of Member Nations in the light of changing global and national priorities and greater international focus on reaching the targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The questionnaire is addressed to those Government authorities which have been designated as the official focal points for correspondence with FAO. However, as the questions relate to FAO's entire mandate, which may be broader than that of the addressee, these Ministries and Departments are requested to consult other Governmental units dealing with policy, planning, development cooperation, finance, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, environment and nutrition, as applicable.

TIMING

If possible, replies should be provided by 30 June 2005. They will be taken into account in further work and in related submissions to FAO Governing Bodies.

CONTENT

The questionnaire covers three broad issues:

I. THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR FAO

Views are requested on the continued relevance of the three Global Goals of Member Nations contained in the Strategic Framework for FAO 2000-2015¹. The information received will provide overall guidance on the Organization's focus and priorities. It will also provide an important early contribution to the revision of the Strategic Framework, foreseen in 2006-2007. Further consultation on the Strategic Framework will take place at a later date.

II. THE ROLE OF FAO IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

While the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) do not constitute a complete development agenda, they are widely accepted as a focus for action at national level. They have also been adopted within the UN system as a means for focusing and integrating efforts to help countries achieve time-

¹ The FAO Strategic Framework was approved by the 30th Session of the FAO Conference in November 1999. It is available on-line at: <http://www.fao.org/strategicframework/default.htm>

bound targets. Advice is requested on the role of FAO in providing support to Member Nations in their efforts to meet the MDG targets².

III. SERVICES DESIRED FROM FAO BY MEMBER NATIONS

Advice is requested on the type of services desired by Member Nations from FAO. The information provided will help focus and prioritise the Organization's work. It may also be used to determine follow-up action to the independent review of the decentralization process in FAO, carried out in 2004³.

RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return the questionnaire to the FAO Representative in your country or, alternatively, no later than 30 June 2005, to Mr. Yves Bensoussan by facsimile (fax: +39 06 5705 4599), E-mail (PBE-Director@fao.org), or mail (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, I-00100 Rome, Italy).

COUNTRY: _____ **DATE:** _____

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONDENT (please indicate Government Ministry or Department):

In the event that FAO would wish to follow up on this questionnaire, please kindly complete the information below for the person who could be contacted if necessary.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ **FAX:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please see Note on next page

² For information on related FAO activities, see attached brochure, "The Road Ahead: FAO and the Millennium Development Goals".

³ See document PC 92/6a)-FC 108/18, presented at the 92nd Session of the Programme Committee (Rome 27.9-1.10.2004). Available at: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/meeting/008/j2937e/j2937e00.htm>

NOTE

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A single consolidated response can be submitted for the country or, alternatively, separate responses for each Ministry or Department can be provided.

Please tick the appropriate boxes in the below table:

MINISTRY OR DEPARTMENT	SECTORS COVERED BY THIS RESPONSE	SECTORS IN WHICH A SEPARATE RESPONSE WILL BE PROVIDED
	<i>Tick as appropriate</i>	
POLICY AND PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND FINANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FISHERIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FORESTRY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENVIRONMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NUTRITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER If "Other", please specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for your assistance with this questionnaire



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- SECTION I.** The Strategic Framework for FAO: Global Goals of Member Nations
SECTION II. The Role of FAO in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals
SECTION III. Services Desired from FAO by Member Nations

SECTION I

THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR FAO: GLOBAL GOALS OF MEMBER NATIONS

The three Global Goals of Member Nations contained in the Strategic Framework for FAO were adopted at the 30th Session of the FAO Conference in November 1999⁴. They constitute the foundation to FAO's strategy, presently under implementation. Since these Goals were approved, there have been significant changes in the international development environment, especially in the adoption of the Millennium Declaration and the subsequent statement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)⁵, which constitute a commonly agreed set of targets for concerned stakeholders (*i.e.* governments, the UN system, other international organizations, the donor community and civil society organizations).

FAO is seeking views regarding the continued relevance of the Global Goals in the light of these changes. Please provide the views of those Ministries or Departments for whom you are responding, as indicated on page 3 above, by ticking one box for each Goal in the table below.

⁴ The Strategic Framework for FAO is available on-line at:
<http://www.fao.org/strategicframework/default.htm>

⁵ For additional information on the MDGs, please refer to the attached brochure, "*The Road Ahead: FAO and the Millennium Development Goals*".

GLOBAL GOALS OF MEMBER NATIONS (as formulated in the Strategic Framework for FAO 2000-2015)	FULLY AGREE	AGREE WITH SUBSTANCE BUT NOT AS FORMULATED	DISAGREE WITH SUBSTANCE
	<i>Tick one box for each Global Goal</i>		
1. Access of all people at all times to sufficient nutritionally adequate and safe food, ensuring that the number of undernourished people is reduced by half by no later than 2015.			
2. The continued contribution of sustainable agriculture and rural development, including fisheries and forestry, to economic and social progress and the well-being of all.			
3. The conservation, improvement and sustainable utilization of natural resources, including land, water, forests, fisheries and genetic resources for food and agriculture.			

COMMENTS

Please provide possible additional comments on the Global Goals in the boxes below.

(i) **PRESENT GOALS.** If you have indicated disagreement with the formulation or substance of any of the Global Goals listed in the table above, please provide a preferred alternative formulation, indicating which Global Goal you are referring to:

(Add pages if necessary)

(ii) **ADDITIONAL GOALS.** If there is an additional Global Goal, or additional Goals, which you would wish to have included, please formulate below:

(Add pages if necessary)

(iii) **OTHER COMMENTS:**

(Add pages if necessary)

SECTION II

THE ROLE OF FAO IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

A recent survey related to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) revealed that FAO is contributing nearly 60% of its total efforts in technical and economic programmes to the achievement of MDG 1 (Poverty and Hunger), 18% to MDG 7 (Environmental Sustainability), and 6% to MDG 8 (Global Partnerships, including an open trading system). The Organization's direct contribution to the other MDGs is relatively small.

In the present Section, views are sought on the role of FAO in providing support to Member Nations' efforts to meet the MDG targets⁶.

(i) Importance of FAO Support. Please indicate in the table below the importance which your Government attaches to FAO support to Member Nations in their efforts to achieve the MDG targets:

MDG REFERENCE	FAO'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING MEMBER NATIONS		
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
	<i>Tick one box for each MDG (see below description of "IMPORTANCE RATING")</i>		
MDG 1 (Poverty and Hunger)			
MDG 2 (Universal Primary Education)			
MDG 3 (Gender Equality)			
MDG 4 (Child Mortality)			
MDG 5 (Maternal Health)			
MDG 6 (Combating Disease)			
MDG 7 (Environmental Sustainability)			
MDG 8 (Global Partnership, including an open trading system)			

IMPORTANCE RATING

Please prioritise services using the below categories:

IMPORTANCE	FAO'S ROLE AS SUPPLIER OF SERVICES
HIGH	FAO's role is essential
MEDIUM	Important, useful FAO role
LOW	Minor role for FAO

⁶ Note that views on services in which Member Nations desire FAO assistance is requested in Section III below.

COMMENTS

Please provide possible additional comments on FAO's role in directly supporting Governments in the implementation of the MDGs:

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(Add pages if necessary)

(ii) Type of services desired from FAO. Please indicate in the table below the importance which the Ministry or Department(s) concerned attach(es) to FAO supporting Member Nations in their efforts to achieve the MDG targets:

TYPE OF SERVICES <i>(see below "LEGEND TO TYPE OF SERVICES")</i>	FAO'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING MEMBER NATIONS		
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
	<i>Tick one box for each type of service (See description of "IMPORTANCE RATING" on previous page)</i>		
(i) Policy advice			
(ii) Technical support			
(iii) Operational support			

LEGEND TO TYPE OF SERVICES

POLICY ADVICE	<u>Includes:</u> advice on strategies and sectoral, sub-sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, including programme development in support of policy objectives; institutional support; and advice on legislation and regulatory frameworks.
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	<u>Includes:</u> technical advisory services; capacity building; and the transfer of know-how, methodologies, techniques and technologies. <u>Also includes:</u> programme formulation, appraisal, technical backstopping and evaluation.
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	<u>Includes:</u> all aspects of field programme and field project implementation, for example, procurement, recruitment of experts and consultants, project management, <i>etc.</i>

(Add pages if necessary)

SECTION III

SERVICES DESIRED FROM FAO BY MEMBER NATIONS

In this Section, advice is sought on the type of services desired by Member Nations from FAO, by discipline. Governments are requested to prioritise their needs in the table below. Indication of possible additional services desired from FAO is also invited, and space has been reserved at the end of the table for possible additional comments.

IMPORTANCE RATING

Please prioritise services using the categories below:

IMPORTANCE	FAO's Role as Provider of Services to your Country or to the Global Community (for services at the Global level)
HIGH	FAO is an essential provider of this service
MEDIUM	FAO is an important provider of this service
LOW	FAO is rarely or never needed as a provider of this service

LEGEND TO TYPE OF SERVICES

POLICY ADVICE	<u>Includes:</u> advice on strategies and sectoral, sub-sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, including programme development in support of policy objectives; institutional support; and advice on legislation and regulatory frameworks.
TECHNICAL SUPPORT	<u>Includes:</u> technical advisory services; capacity building; and the transfer of know-how, methodologies, techniques and technologies. <u>Also includes:</u> programme formulation, appraisal, technical backstopping and evaluation.
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT	<u>Includes:</u> all aspects of field programme and project implementation, for example, procurement, recruitment of experts and consultants, project management, <i>etc.</i>
SERVICES AT GLOBAL LEVEL	<u>Includes:</u> collection, analysis and dissemination of information; assessment and monitoring of sectoral and sub-sectoral data; and development of codes, standards and agreements

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DISCIPLINES	TYPE OF SERVICES ⁷ (Tick as appropriate)											
	NATIONAL LEVEL									SERVICES AT GLOBAL LEVEL		
	POLICY ADVICE			TECHNICAL SUPPORT			OPERATIONAL SUPPORT			SERVICES AT GLOBAL LEVEL		
	IMPORTANCE ⁸			IMPORTANCE			IMPORTANCE			IMPORTANCE		
	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low
<i>1. CROSS-SECTORAL DISCIPLINES (potentially applying to all sectors including Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Environment, Nutrition)</i>												
Data and Information Systems, Knowledge Management												
Outlook and Economic Studies, Statistics												
Commodities , Trade and Marketing												
Communication for Development												
Institution Building, Institutional Strengthening												
Education and Training												
Research and Extension												
Agricultural Investment												
Integrated Rural Development												

⁷ See "LEGEND TO TYPE OF SERVICES" on previous page

⁸ See description of "IMPORTANCE RATING" on previous page

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DISCIPLINES	TYPE OF SERVICES ⁷ (Tick as appropriate)											
	NATIONAL LEVEL									SERVICES AT GLOBAL LEVEL		
	POLICY ADVICE			TECHNICAL SUPPORT			OPERATIONAL SUPPORT					
	IMPORTANCE ⁸			IMPORTANCE			IMPORTANCE			IMPORTANCE		
	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low

<i>2 (ii) Cross-Sectoral Resource Related Issues</i>												
Farming Systems												
Bioenergy												
Biosecurity ⁹												
Biotechnologies												
Climate Change												
Desertification												
Ecosystem Management and Biological Diversity												
Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture												
<u>3. SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES</u>												
Land Tenure and Settlement												
Food Quality and Safety												

⁹ Biosecurity encompasses the policy and regulatory frameworks (including instruments and activities) that analyse and manage risks in the sectors of food safety, animal life and health, and plant life and health, including associated environmental risk. It covers the introduction of plant pests, animal pests and diseases, and zoonoses (diseases and/or infections which are naturally "transmissible from vertebrate animals to man), the introduction and release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and their products, and the introduction and management of invasive alien species and genotypes. See <http://www.fao.org/biosecurity/>

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	NATIONAL LEVEL									SERVICES AT GLOBAL LEVEL		
	POLICY ADVICE			TECHNICAL SUPPORT			OPERATIONAL SUPPORT			SERVICES AT GLOBAL LEVEL		
	IMPORTANCE ⁸			IMPORTANCE			IMPORTANCE			IMPORTANCE		
	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	Low
Food Security and Nutrition												
3. <u>SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES, continued</u>												
Gender												
HIV/AIDS and other Diseases												
4. <u>EMERGENCY RELIEF AND REHABILITATION</u>												
Disaster Prevention and Preparedness												
Disaster Mitigation and Rehabilitation												
Early Warning Systems												
5. <u>OTHER DISCIPLINES</u>												
<i>Please list and prioritise possible additional disciplines in which services are desired from FAO:</i>												

COMMENTS

Please provide possible additional comments on services desired by your Ministry or Department from FAO:

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(Add pages if necessary)