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36th session of the Committee on World food security

SIDE EVENT:

The added value of decentralized approach for food security: the action plan of regions and federated states

The commitment of a Global Assembly of Regions to tackle food insecurity

FOGAR has been created in Cape Town in August 2007 on the basis of the "Declaration of the Regions on their participation to the governance of Globalization" adopted in Marseille in March 2007. Through its 17 networks of Regions from all the continents, it gathers 900 Regions (that's to say the level of public governments immediately under the central one of the States recognized by the UN system). Since July 2010, FOGAR is also opened to membership of individual Regions and Federated States following the decisions taken during its General Assembly in Ecuador, hosted by M. Rafael Correa, President of the Republic of Ecuador.

Two years ago, willing to bring its own answers to food riots, the Executive Committee of FOGAR, meeting in Tangiers, decided to launch a cycle of actions on Food Security and Nutrition. This initiative was encouraged by M. Nabarro, Special Representative of the Secretary General of UN, the European Commission, the Spanish and French Cooperation, UNDP and, particularly, by the General Director of FAO, M. Diouf. In this way a MOU between FAO and FOGAR has been signed in March 2009. Answering to an invitation of the President of the Republic of Senegal, M. Wade, to host it, FOGAR organized on 18 and 19 January 2010 in Dakar a Summit of the world's Regions for Food Security, gathering 850 participants from the different continents (www.regionsfoodsummit.org).

On the basis of the sessions and conclusions of these two days, members of FOGAR have created a Core Group of 20 Regions from the south and the north to propose and implement a multi annual action plan in the 9 areas where a more decentralized approach of food security has been identified as an added value. It promotes a better inclusion of regions into Strategic Frameworks of International Organizations and National Policies.

Agenda of the side event

The Side Event, on October 12 2010, will be a good opportunity to present the proposals of this Core group to the participants of the World Food Week through the following sessions:

EVENT OF THE REGIONS

October 12 2010
12.30 - 2.00 pm
Iran Room, Building B,
Room B 116
FAO

12.30-12.45: Presentation of FOGAR and its territorial approach of Development by **Mr. Xavier Gizard**, Secretary General of FOGAR

12-45-13.00: Presentation of the multi annual action plan of Regions on food security by **Mrs. Anna Lisa Boni**, Director at the Representation of Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur Region (France) in Brussels

13-00-13.10: Reaction from **Mr. Antoine Joly** Delegate for the External Action of Local and Regional Authorities at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13.10-13.40: "state of the art": presentation of some examples of "regional" policies and inter regional cooperation projects in the field of food security

13.40-14.00: Discussion between the participants and FOGAR leaders.

" The FAO seeks to be a key partner for the regions and local authorities. We are convinced that efforts to counter hunger and food insecurity and better management of ecosystems and resources (...) will entail the involvement of regions and local authorities, which are closer to local people and can thus identify problems encountered in the short, medium and long term"

Mr Hafez Ghanem. Assistant Director-General responsible for the Economic and Social Development Department, FAO at DAKAR, Summit of the world's Regions on food security, Januray 2010