



RIO+20 PARTNERSHIPS FORUM Session 2

Food and nutrition security, health and gender equality: partnerships for climate-resilient sustainable development

**20 June 2012, 4:30 pm to 6 pm
RioCentro, Pavilion T (Major Groups Pavilion) – Room T-3**

Introduction

General Assembly resolution 66/197 calls for a Partnerships Forum to be organized as an official part of Rio+20 during 20, 21 and 22 June 2012.

The overall objective of the Partnerships Forum is to build on the mandate agreed at WSSD and CSD-11 and reenergize, revitalize and strengthen partnerships as one of the most participatory mechanisms to implement sustainable development and enhance international cooperation.

There are four concrete goals to be achieved:

- Showcase best practices, practical experiences, and concrete contributions
- Discuss how partnerships can advance, expedite, and facilitate the implementation of the agreements reached at Rio+20
- Identify successful models and opportunities for replication and scale up
- Promote discussions on more effective accountability measures

The Forum will consist of highly dynamic and interactive sessions to highlight the significant contributions of partnerships to the implementation of sustainable development, drawing in particular on a decade of valuable lessons learned and experiences since WSSD and looking forward to strengthen this mechanism in the future.

The themes for the sessions were chosen after extensive consultations with different stakeholders on issues that could adhere to the following criteria:

- Themes/issues that could apply to a diverse group of partnerships implementing sustainable development in different thematic areas;
- Themes/issues that could encourage opportunities for concrete deliverables in replication and scaling up efforts;
- Themes/issues that attracted support from CSD registered partnerships and distinguished organizations to serve as co-organizers of sessions, offering valuable expertise, significant knowledge and recognized experience.

The last session of the Forum aims to offer an opportunity for a forward-looking reflection, concrete guidance and visionary perspectives on how partnerships could be best positioned to facilitate and expedite the implementation of agreements at Rio+20 as well as contribute to the post-2015 development agenda.

Background

The issues of food and nutrition security, health, gender equality, environmental degradation and climate change are closely interrelated. Climate change and environmental degradation undermine the full enjoyment of human rights and have a direct impact on the health and the food and nutrition security of millions of people – particularly women and their children-, and on their ability to move out of poverty. At the same time, women's empowerment, engagement and transformational leadership are critical to build resilience to climate change and embark on sustainable development pathways that ensure global health, food and nutrition security and lead to higher incomes. Likewise rights based approaches with an emphasis on participation, transparency and accountability play an important role in making development more inclusive and equitable. Unfortunately, these critical issues are often addressed through siloed approaches which reduce their effectiveness and impact.

Objectives

This event aims to provide a forum to:

1. Highlight the nexus between food and nutrition security, health, gender equality as key pillars of climate-resilient and sustainable development.
2. Explore the potential of a climate justice approach to inform more inclusive and equitable policy options in the context of RIO+20 and the post 2015 MDG framework.
3. Launch a policy brief and validation of key recommendations on how to integrate food and nutrition security, health and gender equality in climate-resilient and sustainable development and poverty eradication.
4. Establish an informal high-level group to identify to advance the issues of health, food and nutrition security and gender equality, including through concrete partnerships and initiatives with a view to RIO+20 and the post-2015 MDG framework.

Partners/Organizers:

UNDESA and the Public Health Institute

Co-organizers: World Food Programme (WFP), UN Development Program (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Health Organization (WHO), International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) and Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice (MRFCJ).

Logistical Information

Date: Wednesday, 20 June 2012
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Programme of the Session

Welcome/Introduction:

Cristina Tirado, Director of the Center of Public Health and Climate Change at PHI: *A call for partnerships for Integration of food and nutrition security, health and gender equality as key pillars of climate-resilient sustainable development.*

Moderated discussion - Moderator: David Nabarro, UN SG's Special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition.

Invited round table panelists and thematic focus:

Mary Robinson, Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice (MRFCJ). Acceptable outcomes from Rio+20 and equitable post 2015 MDG framework

Zenebe Tadesse, Minister of Women, Children and Youth Affairs, Ethiopia. What needs to be negotiated to create a sustainable future.

Ertharin Cousin WFP, Executive Director of the World Food Program –partnerships and priorities to reduce under-nutrition and hunger to build resilience?

Barbara Stocking, Director of Oxfam Great Britain. A civil society perspective.

Ben Knapen, Dutch Minister for European Affairs and International Cooperation. Public-Private Partnerships.

Ann Tutwiler, FAO deputy Director General – gender and nutrition sensitive-climate smart agriculture and food systems.

Carlos Seré, International Fund for Agricultural Development IFAD Chief Development Strategist. *From successful projects to systemic change in building resilience.*

Maria Neira, WHO Director of Public Health and Environment Department
Health in a Green Economy.

Olav Kjørven, Assistant Secretary General and Director of UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy. *Gender Equality, Growth and Sustainable Development.*

Questions from the audience

Envisaged Deliverables

- Launch a policy brief with key recommendations on the integration of food and nutrition security, health and gender equality in climate-resilient and sustainable development and poverty eradication with a view to RIO+20 and the post 2015 MDG agenda.
- Identify the necessary partnerships and key actions to advance the issues of health, food and nutrition security and gender equality beyond RIO+20 and as an input to the post-2015 MDG framework.

Potential Participants

- Key figures around the world with recognized leadership and contributions to integrate food security and nutrition, health and gender into climate resilience and sustainable development.
- Partnerships/organizations wishing to feature their work and launch specific initiatives.
- Governments making concrete announcements on enhanced collaborative efforts and initiatives

Co-organizers

