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## HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY: THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIOENERGY

Rome, 3 - 5 June 2008

### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

#### A. INAUGURAL CEREMONY

1. Inaugural statements will be delivered by the President of the Republic of Italy, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary of State of the Holy See on behalf of his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, and the Director-General of FAO.

#### B. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS AND APPOINTMENT OF THE *RAPPORTEUR*

2. The Director-General will call for the election of a Chair of the High-Level Conference, who will then assume office.
3. The Chair will call for the election of Vice-Chairs, and for the appointment of a *Rapporteur*.

#### C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

4. The High-Level Conference comprises two segments: the High-Level Segment and the Committee of the Whole. The Provisional Timetable for the meetings of these two segments is contained in the Appendix to this document. It provides for the High-Level Conference to review the draft of the Declaration of the High-Level Conference and to consider substantive items related to the draft Declaration.
5. The High-Level Segment will hear statements from Heads of State/Government and delegations, as well as Heads of UN agencies and Bretton Woods institutions,

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international inter-governmental, non-governmental and private sector organizations and other institutions. At its conclusion the High-Level Conference will adopt a Declaration.

6. The High-Level Conference is invited to adopt its agenda and timetable.

#### **D. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS**

7. The High-Level Conference is invited to appoint a Chair for the Committee of the Whole.

#### **E. OPENING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

8. The Committee of the Whole will be opened by the Director-General. Statements will be delivered by the Independent Chair of the FAO Council and others.

#### **F. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE DECLARATION**

9. The draft Declaration is presented in the *Report of the Co-Chairs of the Informal Open-ended Contact Group* (HLC/08/3) for consideration and review by the Committee of the Whole, so that this may be agreed and forwarded to the final Plenary meeting for adoption.

#### **G. DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS RELATED TO THE DRAFT DECLARATION**

10. The Committee of the Whole will consider substantive items related to the draft Declaration in four roundtables focussing on:

- (1) High food prices: causes, consequences and possible solutions;
- (2) Climate change and food security;
- (3) Transboundary pests and diseases;
- (4) Bioenergy and food security.

11. In preparation for the High-Level Conference, a number of expert meetings and stakeholder consultations were convened. Their reports are at the disposal of the High-Level Conference as technical background documents<sup>1</sup> at:

[www.fao.org/foodclimate/conference](http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/conference).

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<sup>1</sup> HLC/08/BAK/1, *Climate change adaptation and mitigation in the food and agriculture sector*.  
HLC/08/BAK/2, *Climate change, water and food security*.  
HLC/08/BAK/3, *Climate change and biodiversity for food and agriculture*.  
HLC/08/BAK/4, *Climate-related transboundary pests and diseases*.  
HLC/08/BAK/5, *Climate change and disaster risk management*.  
HLC/08/BAK/6, *Climate change for fisheries and aquaculture*.  
HLC/08/BAK/7, *Bioenergy policy, markets and trade and food security*.

12. Response options to the challenges to world food security, as identified by the above-mentioned expert meetings and stakeholder consultations, are given in information documents.<sup>2</sup>

13. Participants are invited to review the substantive items with a view to identifying responses and recommendations, as appropriate.

## **H. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

14. The *Rapporteur* will present the draft report of the discussions of the Committee of the Whole for adoption.

## **I. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND DECLARATION OF THE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE**

15. The High-Level Conference will reconvene in Plenary to adopt the Report of the High Level Conference, which will be presented by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

16. The Declaration will be adopted at the conclusion of the High-Level Conference.

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<sup>2</sup> HLC/08/INF/1, *Soaring food prices: facts, perspectives, impacts and actions required*.  
HLC/08/INF/2, *Climate change adaptation and mitigation: challenges and opportunities for food security*.  
HLC/08/INF/3, *Bioenergy, food security and sustainability - towards an international framework*.  
HLC/08/INF/4, *Financial mechanisms for adaptation to and mitigation of climate change in the food and agriculture sectors*.  
HLC/08/INF/5, *Climate change, bioenergy and food security: options for decision makers identified by expert meetings*.  
HLC/08/INF/6, *Climate change, bioenergy and food security: civil society and private sector perspectives*.  
HLC/08/INF/7, *Climate-related transboundary pests and diseases*.

## APPENDIX

**HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY:  
THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIOENERGY**

**FAO Headquarters, Rome, 3-5 June 2008**

**PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE**

Tuesday, 3 June 2008			
Hour	Agenda Item	PLENARY	
9:00 – 10:00		<p><b>Inaugural Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Address by the President of the Republic of Italy</li> <li>- Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations</li> <li>- Message from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI</li> <li>- Address by the Director-General of FAO</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening of the High-Level Conference</b></p> <p>1 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs and Appointment of the <i>Rapporteur</i></p> <p>2 Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable</p> <p>3 Establishment of the Committee of the Whole and other Arrangements</p>	
10:00 – 13:30	<p align="center"><b>HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT</b></p> <p>Statements by Heads of State and Government</p>		
	<p align="center"><i>Lunch Break</i></p>		
13:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Private sector Forum</b></li> <li>• <b>Civil society and non-governmental organizations Forum</b></li> </ul>		
	<b>HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)</b>
15:00 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statements by Heads of State and Government</li> <li>- Statements by Heads of UN agencies and Bretton Woods institutions</li> </ul>	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opening by the Director-General</li> <li>- Statement by the Independent Chair of the Council</li> </ul> <p>Review of the draft text of the Declaration</p>

<b>Wednesday, 4 June 2008</b>			
<b>Hour</b>	<b>HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
9:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statements by Heads of State and Government</li> <li>- Statements by Heads of Delegations</li> <li>- Statements by Special Guests</li> </ul>	5  5.1  5.2	Discussion of substantive items related to the draft Declaration  Roundtable 1: High food prices: causes, consequences and possible solutions  Roundtable 2: Climate change and food security
<i>Lunch Break</i>			
13:30 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SIDS Forum:</b> From environmental to food security concerns in Small Island Developing States</li> <li>• <b>Africa Forum:</b> African livelihood responses to climate change and bioenergy</li> </ul>		
<b>Hour</b>	<b>HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
15:00 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statements by Heads of State and Government</li> <li>- Statements by Heads of Delegations</li> <li>- Statements by Special Guests</li> </ul>	5.3  5.4	Roundtable 3: Transboundary pests and diseases  Roundtable 4: Bioenergy and food security
19:00 – 20:30		4	Review of the draft text of the Declaration
<b>Thursday, 5 June 2008</b>			
<b>Hour</b>	<b>HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT</b>		
9:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statements by Heads of State and Government</li> <li>- Statements by Heads of Delegations</li> <li>- Statements by Special Guests</li> <li>- Statements by representatives of CSO/NGOs and the private sector</li> </ul>		
12:00	Press Conference by the Director-General		
<b>Hour</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>	
14:00 – 15:00	6	Adoption of the Report of the Committee of the Whole	
<b>PLENARY: CLOSING MEETING</b>			
15:00 – 17:00	7	Adoption of the Report and Declaration of the High-Level Conference	