

INVESTMENT FOR WHOM & FOR WHAT?

Bringing in Asia Pacific Peoples' Voices in the Investment Forum for Food Security

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Organized by AsiaDHRRRA and the CSO AdHoc Committee for APRC

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RATIONALE

The two-day preparatory CSO meeting aims to organize the meaningful engagement of CSOs at the joint ADB/FAO/IFAD Investment Forum for Food Security in Asia and the Pacific (Manila, 7 to 9 July 2010). It is an important follow-through activity of the Ad Hoc Committee organized last February 24-25, 2010 in Manila during the Regional Consultation on Food Security in Asia and the Pacific Region sponsored by FAO and co-hosted by AsiaDHRRRA. The said consultation brought together various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) representing regional formations of rural sectors – namely, farmers, fishers, indigenous peoples, women, youth, cooperative, NGOs, and INGOs to review and agree on thematic priorities affecting food security in the region and respond to the need to broaden and strengthen ranks among them towards a stronger movement for responding to hunger and poverty among the marginalized sectors. The CSOs decided to form the regional Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) to anchor the planning process focusing on agreed regional priorities for the next two years, and accordingly craft a concrete plan of action that considers upcoming major regional events such as the Investment Conference on Food Security in Manila on July, the 30th FAO-APRC Meeting in Korea in September, and other processes including the reform process of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) in Rome, 12 to 16 October 2010.

The Investment Forum on Food Security is an important event for various regional platforms and initiatives where the voices of the grassroots particularly the small-scale producers, indigenous peoples, fishers, rural women and youth can be heard by intergovernmental bodies like ADB, FAO and IFAD whose investment policies and programs greatly affect the lives of rural people. It is imperative that the perspectives of the rural sectors, based on learnings and insights from the banks' programs and policies, are factored in the new strategies for advancing food security at the national, regional and global levels.

An event planned for by the AHC, its members recognize the funding support received from the USAID, ADB, FAO and IFAD.

OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES

Specifically, the CSO Meeting aims to achieve the following:

1. CSOs have better understanding of the existing policy frameworks and thrust of ADB, IFAD, and FAO on investment in food security in aid of their various policy advocacy roles in the region.
2. Common CSO agenda identified and concrete investment policy proposals and program recommendations developed relative to the Investment Forum for Food Security
3. Firmed up Asia-Pacific regional CSO medium-term agenda in relation to engaging various regional and international intergovernmental bodies working on food security/food sovereignty and sustainable rural development
4. Improved coordination among regional CSO partnership mechanisms especially in relation to upcoming key regional and international events beyond the Investment Forum, e.g. 30th FAO APRC in the Republic of Korea and CFS processes in Rome.

The expected outputs of the CSO preparatory meeting are as follows:

1. Analysis of ADB/FAO/IFAD principles and investment thrust on food security
2. Common CSO statement highlighting the views and recommendations of CSOs, especially of the grassroots sectors, on Investments for Food Security
3. Concrete policies proposals and project investment calls responsive to the needs of most vulnerable and affected sectors
4. Finalized medium term CSO agenda for food and agricultural governance in the region
5. Clear plan of action for CSO participation during the 30th APRC in Korea in September 2010

It is envisioned that the 2-day preparatory meeting will inspire and lead to a more effective policy engagement during the Investment Forum resulting from improved analysis by the CSOs' of ADB/FAO/IFAD principles and investment thrusts on food security, manifested by their coherent proposals for policy reforms and specific concrete calls for investment on food security in Asia and Pacific region.

A collective voice among CSOs will also signal the seriousness of the sector to make ADB, IFAD, and FAO and their development partners more accountable of their policies and programming towards the agenda of a food secure region and reduced poverty in the rural areas.

PARTICIPANTS AND ORGANIZERS

The participants of the CSO Side Event include the members of the regional Ad Hoc Committee and the Korean CSO Working Committee for the FAO-APRC, the IFAD Medium Term Cooperation Programme Steering Committee Members from China and the Southeast, and CSOs from the region who registered for the Investment Forum.

A volunteer working group from among the AHC members supports the preparation of the program design and content. A Steering Committee from among the participants shall be created to help direct the CSO side event proper and to prepare the final conclusion and statement from the meeting which will be presented during the Investment Forum. AsiaDHRRA, as AHC focal point, provides the secretariat and coordination support to the event and coordinates with FAO who acts as CSO liaison for the Investment Forum organizers.

PROGRAM

PREPARATORY MEETING FOR CSO ENGAGEMENT AT THE INVESTMENT FORUM

DAY 0 July 4

Arrivals
Registration for early arrivals

DAY 1 July 5

8:00 – 8:30 Registration
8:30- 9:30 Opening Session
Moderator: Mr. Aftab Alam Khan, Action Aid

Opening messages from the Rural Development Sectors

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| Farmers | -- Oun Soupal, Asian Farmers Association (AFA), Cambodia |
| Fishers | -- Arsenio Tanchuling, Southeast Asia Fisheries Network for Justice (SEAFISH), Philippines |
| Indigenous Peoples | -- Famark Hlawngching, Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), India |
| Rural Youth | -- Irma Yanni, La Via Campesina (LVC), Indonesia |
| Rural Women | -- Marjorie Ibañez, Women Council for Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, Philippines |
| NGOs | -- Emeline Siale Ilolahia, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO), Tonga |

Message from Investment Forum Co-Organizers

- Mr. Katsuji Matsunami, Advisor, Agriculture, Food Security & Rural Development, ADB
Mr. Thomas Price, Chief, FAO Partnership Branch
Mr. Sana Jatta, Country Manager, IFAD

Program Overview and Administrative Matters

Ms. Marlene D. Ramirez, Secretary General, AsiaDHRRA/CSO Side Event Secretariat

9:30-10:45 Thematic Plenary Presentation (7-10 minutes per anchor; open forum)

Theme	Presenter-Anchor Organizations
Enhancing Productivity	Jacqueline Haessiq Alleje, IFOAM
Natural Resource Management	Elpidio Peria, TWN
Building Resilience Against Vulnerability	Siti Rakhma Mary Herwati, SEAFISH; Souly Quachangkham, AFA
Innovative Financing	Aftab Alam Khan, Action Aid
Connectivity Solutions	
from the Private Sector	Lany Rebagay, AsiaDHRRA
Food Security through Regional Cooperation	Arze Glipo, APNFS

Thematic workshops (facilitated by Anchor Organizations) w/ working break

- 10:45-12:30 Presentation of Workshop Guidelines
Break-out Groups
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch break
- 1:30 -- 2.30 Plenary Presentation
6 Workshop Reports -- 10 minutes per thematic group
Moderator: Glenn Ymata, SEAFISH
- 2.30 – 3:00 Break time and Consolidation of Reports
- 3:00 – 4:00 Consensus building (priority calls and proposals)
Presentation of Synthesis of Workshop Reports and Consensus Building Session
Esther Penunia, AFA and Alice Raymundo, APNFS
- 4:00 – 5:00 Dialogue w/ ADB, FAO, IFAD
Presentation of Concluding Points (analysis, priority calls and proposals)
Reactions/Observations/Recommendations from ADB, FAO, IFAD
Moderator: Marlene D. Ramirez, AsiaDHRRA
- 5:00 – 6:00 Steering Committee Meeting to prepare draft CSO Statement and prepare press statement

DAY 2 July 6

- 8:30 – 9:15 Plenary Preliminaries, Recap of Day 1, Instructions for the RTDs
Moderator: Jacqueline Haessiq Alleje (IFOAM)
- 9:00 – 4:00pm Ad Hoc Committee Meeting (AHC) in Preparation for the 30th APRC in Korea
- 9:00 – 12:00 am Roundtable Discussions
- Panel 1 : A critical look into ADB’s role in addressing food security: Proposals for Increasing Investments on Small Farmers***
by: The Asia Pacific Network for Food Sovereignty, Freedom from Debt Coalition, Focus on the Global South
- 12:00 -- 1:00pm Press Conference of the CSO Side Event (c/o Steering Committee)
- 12:00 -- 1:30pm Lunch break
- 1:30 – 3.30pm Roundtable Discussions
- Panel 2 : Responses to Food Security Amidst Challenges of Climate Change and Land Grabbing***
by: AFA, AsiaDHRRA, APNFS, East Asia Rice Working Group

- 3:30 – 4:00pm Break
- 4:00-5:00pm CSO Plenary Discussion On 30th APRC
Moderator: Nathaniel Don Marquez, ANGO
- Briefing about 30th APRC Korea -- Dr. Purushottam K. Mudbhary, Chief Policy Assistance Branch, FAO-RAP and Secretary of 30th APRC
 - Context of AHC and CSO engagement in relation to APRC --- AHC Member
 - Latest updates from the AHC and the KoCWC (feedback from the AHC Meeting) --- AHC Member and KoCWC
 - Open Forum/Clarifications on the AHC plans; broadening of stakeholdership for APRC and beyond
 - Responses/Recommendations from FAO Representatives and AHC Members
- 5:00-5:30PM Closing Session
Moderator: Lakshman Dass Ahuja, NEDAC
- Reflections from the Participants
(East Asia, Pacific, South Asia, Southeast Asia)
- Closing Message from the Investment Forum Co-Organizer
- Mr. Hiroyuki Konuma, Assistant Director General and Regional Representative for Asian and the Pacific (FAO-RAP)*
- Mr. Thomas Elhaut, Director for Asia and the Pacific, (IFAD)*
- Message from the Secretariat
Ms. Marlene D. Ramirez, AsiaDHRRA
- 5:30-6:30PM Steering Committee Meeting