



In Partnership with: the FAO, UNDP, European Commission, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

DRAFT AGENDA

As at July 2009

Evening of 17 January: Welcome of delegates

18 JANUARY

9.00 – 13.00 OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Aims

Messages delivered during the opening plenary session will mainly serve to establish the context of the work to be led during the workshops in two panel discussions.

Light will be shed on a number of points during this plenary:

- The situation of the food crisis
- Agriculture as the main instrument for the development of "southern" Regions
- Can peasant farming used to support food sovereignty feed the world's Regions?
- Short and medium-term food forecasts in the light of the new constraints
- Mobilisation and solutions envisaged at different levels, how can the Regions be included in this context, what room for decentralised cooperation?
- Specific actors (Producers' organisations, NGOs, central governments, local governments) and their involvement in the fight against food insecurity.

8.30-9.00 Delegates registration

9.00-9.45 Welcome addresses

9.45-11.15 1st Panel Discussion: Integrating Regions in the global context of food security

11.15-11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45-12.45 2nd Panel Discussion: The voice of the Regions to promote food sovereignty and family farming

12.45-13.00 Summing up of the opening plenary session: Expected results and areas of work of the Dakar Seminar

13.00-14.30 *Lunch on site*

14.30–18-30 THEMATIC SESSIONS

3 simultaneous workshops

Coffee breaks for the 3 workshops 16.30 – 17.00

Aims of the workshops

These workshops should give the Regions room for expression on:

- their needs (technical expertise, funding, partnerships, exchanges of experiences, training for politicians and technical staff)
- their roles, their added value
- their proposals for action to improve food security in relation with the theme of the workshop

These thematic sessions will be designed to as to compare actual regional experiences and draw from them conclusions, action plans and proposed areas of improvement that will be reported during the closing plenary session. By highlighting the operational capability of the regional level in these areas, it should be possible to set up some new concrete partnerships.

Through this approach based on thematic workshops, we will be seeking to respond, on the basis of case studies, to the following points:

- i. In which areas can the Regions act to effectively reduce people's food insecurity?
- ii. In what respect is the Region the legitimate and relevant sphere for leading these actions?
- iii. Which policy recommendations may be made to boost regional actions in the field of food security?
- iv. What methodological tools for effective partnerships?

Workshop 1: Improving food availability: from production to marketing, what support from Regions/local authorities and what lines of action for decentralised cooperation?

Workshop 2: Combating the development of malnutrition: regional and local authorities as levers for action.

Workshop 3: From availability of food to access to food, what actions on the part of the Regions/local authorities for the most vulnerable populations?

Dinner – Entertainment from 19.00

19 JANUARY

09.00–13.00 THEMATIC SESSIONS, 3 simultaneous workshops

Coffee breaks for the 3 workshops 11.00 – 11.30

Workshop 4: What kind of support from Regions/local authorities for actors to ensure food security?

Workshop 5: The added value of Regions/local authorities in the procurement of public goods
– Infrastructures – Natural Resources – Research

Workshop 6: Which methods of funding and financial instruments for local actions to tackle hunger?

13.00-14.30 Lunch on site

14.30 – 17.30 CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Aims

1. Recommendations and action plans to improve the food situation by the Regions
2. How to foster the emergence of a world food policy that integrates all regional actors allowing countries to rebuild their food sovereignty
3. Stepping up of CPMR's and FOGAR's action in partnership with the UNDP and FAO on food security (areas for action, follow-up of partnerships, etc.)

14.30 – 14.45 Welcome and presentation of the closing session

14.45 – 15.45 Summary of the thematic sessions

15.45 – 16.45 Panel discussion: Multi-level coordination and sustainability of local actions to improve food security: A necessary synergy between regional, national and international governance of policies.

16.45 – 17.00 Signature of the final declaration

17.00 – 17.45 Closing speeches: For a regional action to aid food security