

PILLAR I – LESSONS LEARNED FROM COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

OVERALL PURPOSE: Countries will have the opportunity to hear about experiences in other countries in developing national food security strategies and identify best practices that might be adapted to their situations

OUTCOMES: Identify common themes and best practices for successful food security strategies, especially support for small and women farmers; identify areas where CFS can contribute to improving food security (areas requiring further study; information coordination needs where CFS could play a role etc.)

FORMAT: There will be two 3-hour sessions for Pillar I. Each of the sessions will be devoted to problems and strategies in a particular region. There will be 45 minutes to an hour for presentations and one-half hour for discussion. Each presentation should include 3 sections; situation in the country; case study (country or subject)/regional initiative presentation; 2 private sector (farmers organizations, investing companies) /NGO/academic presentations on working with this country or how the initiative changed their ability to work in the country, introduce new technologies.

PRESENTATION CONTENT:

Regional Situation:

This session will consist of reports from each region on the current situation on food security. Each region will be asked to select a regional representative to prepare a short summation of the current situation including: direction of food security (increasing or decreasing number of hungry; primary causes of the increase or decline(new investments or programs, conflict, natural disaster) ; major constraints faced by the region in improving their food security profile (water, technology, investment etc); initiatives in the region; and opportunities to exploit that would lead to an improved food security situation. Reports should be concise, about 10 minutes.

Regional/Country Initiative:

Each region will be asked to select one or two either regional initiatives or case studies (country or issue) that illustrate positive action to address food security. The presentation should describe how the initiative was developed, stakeholders involved in the initiatives, the key elements of the initiative that change the direction of food security; constraints to be overcome, opportunities and prospects for the region and early results. Presentations should be no more than 20 minutes.

Possible topics include:

Africa: CAADP Initiative or a country experience under CAADP; Private sector reaction to CAADP- do agricultural investment plans provide an incentive to invest

Asia and Southwest Pacific: Bangladesh; Food security approaches for Small Island Nations

Latin America: Zero Hunger in 2025 Initiative; one country's experience with Right to Food

Near East: Arab States Initiative ;

Documents to produce:

Case studies: Secretariat should work closely with the selected countries to develop a presentation that will provide results-oriented presentations. To the extent possible, case studies should comment on how their strategy deals with the policy issues chosen.

Other countries and or organizations should be invited to submit written case studies.