

First conference call of the Organising Committee of the Forum
8 September 2010, 13h CET

Participants:

- Ashley Von Anrep - Oxfam
- Beatriz Gasco - IPC
- Esther Penunia - AFA
- Marjo Busto Quinto - ARWC
- Neil Sorensen - IFAP
- Solenne Garin – La Via Campesina
- Song Vokyung - Consumers Korea

Funding:

- A draft letter, highlighting the urgent need for support will be prepared and circulated between the Organising Committee (OC). Ideally, it will be signed by the 4 civil society AG members and sent at the moment we believe it is needed.
- Once received, forward FAO letter to contacts in the ministries.
- Organisations should do the best to finance the participation of their own delegations.
- Commercial sponsorships: a list will be shared with the OC of potential sponsors, which will in turn be analysed on a case-by-case basis, determining who would be suitable to ask for support. Otherwise, single organizations can approach them.
- Create a list prioritizing funded participants. The criteria: OC can reduce number of some delegations (downsizing participation from IPFAP and VC) while giving priority to women participants. Must keep into consideration gender balance and constituencies in sub-regions.

Organising Committee / Contact list:

- Circulate a list of invited organizations to the OC
- Coordination Committee should reflect international and regional multi-stakeholders.
- IFAP: the number of CC members proposed in the Draft 1 of CSM are unmanageable from a logistical standpoint, suggest to focus on international networks, there are too many sub-regional focal points.

Objectives of the Forum:

In addition to the proposed agenda, which reflect the Forum's objectives, the following suggestions were made by the OC:

- To increase CSOs interaction with Rome based agencies and develop concrete proposals to achieve global food security
- Reaffirm the importance of the CSOs to the CFS as a space for global food and agriculture governance, where decisions are taken. Reiterate the CFS as THE political space for Food Security.

Proposed agenda for the Forum:

1. Endorsement of the proposal for an International Food Security & Nutrition Civil Society Mechanism, which will facilitate civil society participation in the CFS and discussion on how to build it up from national to regional to global levels over the coming year. For a copy of the Draft 1 of the proposal please see <http://cso4cfs.org/>
2. Definition of the process for selecting the members of the Mechanism's Coordination Committee at least for the interim period of one year or of focal points to facilitate the process within each constituency and sub-region.
3. Discussion of issues, which are on the agenda of the 36th Session of the CFS. For more information on agenda items please see <http://cso4cfs.org/cfs-updates/>
4. Allocation of speaking slots during the CFS plenary.

Methodology group:

There is agreement to include and invite the following members to join the methodology group (MG):

- **Maryam Rahmanian** as the coordinator
- **Thierry Kestelot** from Oxfam
- **Nora McKeon** from Terranuova

The MG will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Drafting the Forum's programme and process taking into consideration the objectives,
- drafting the background documents under the supervision of the OC,
- proposing names of speakers that have to be approved by the OC.

By 15 September, additional nominations for the MG can be made; if others join later they will be welcome. However, the MG will start to work immediately.

Esther will be on travel 3rd week of Sept. so might not have access to internet, difficult to join the MG but she would like to be part of it.

Logistics:

Accommodation:

- Hotels have been booked.

Visas:

- IPC secretariat has the mandate to find a solution for the administrative process
- We can ask IFAD to send the letter of invitation since they are very efficient.
- Deadline of 15 Sept to send the invitation letters
- If possible, request an Italian visa instead of Schengen for those passing through Dubai (not for those having connecting flights through the EU).

Food:

- No e-ticket anymore but real money.
- Inquire with CIA and other companies based in Italy to sponsor a meal and/or cocktail night. This will give the opportunity to create more of a community feeling.

Next Meeting: End of next week, to be confirmed.