

**Electronic Open Consultation for the
High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)**

The Steering Committee of the **High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE)** has decided to launch open electronic consultations on

price volatility

and on

land tenure and international investments in agriculture

in order to finalize the terms of reference of HLPE Project Teams to work on two studies in the framework of the mandate given by the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) at its 36th session (October 2010).

The HLPE was created in October 2009 as an essential element of the reform of the CFS, and as the scientific and knowledge-based pillar of the Global Partnership for Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition. The HLPE was launched in July 2010 with the appointment of its Steering Committee. The HLPE seeks to improve the robustness of the policy making by providing independent advice to assist the CFS in reaching political consensus and taking decisions based on comprehensive assessments.

The two studies will be completed for September 2011 and will contain policy recommendations for the 37th session of CFS (October 2011). In addition, each Study will point out particular elements that will be relevant for the Global Strategic Framework for food security and nutrition.

You are kindly invited to participate in these two consultations on the basis of which the terms of reference of the Project Teams will be finalized by the HLPE Steering Committee.

Both electronic consultations will be held in English, French and Spanish and are open to public comment **between the 24th January and 6th February 2011**. The consultations are kindly hosted by the Global Forum on Food Security and Nutrition (FSN Forum), found at <http://km.fao.org/fsn>

The two documents submitted for consultation: one for the study on price volatility, the other for the study on land tenure and international investments in agriculture, produced by the Steering Committee of the HLPE, **are available** <http://km.fao.org/fsn>.

To participate please send directly your contribution to the Forum moderator at FSN-moderator@fao.org (or [register](#) to the FSN Forum at <http://km.fao.org/fsn> and post your contribution on the web based forum). Please feel also free to invite interested friends and colleagues.

On behalf of the Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the HLPE,

we look forward to your kind response.

HLPE Secretariat