

The UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) host the third World Summit on Food Security in Rome, Italy, 16-18 November 2009. Heads of State and Government attending the Summit will seek to strengthen commitment from world leaders to take urgent action to eradicate hunger throughout the world and to improve governance structures across the national, regional and international levels to achieve this goal. Four round table discussions will address issues related to: impacts of the food, economic and financial crises on food security; global governance reforms; climate change adaptation and mitigation; and rural development, smallholder farms and trade considerations. The Summit was built on several preparatory meetings, including the High-Level Conference on How to Feed the World in 2050, and the 35th session of the Committee on World Food Security, both held in Rome in October 2009. Private sector representatives, parliamentarians, and NGO and civil society representatives each hold pre-Summit Forums.

FAO website:

<http://www.fao.org/wsfs/world-summit/en/>

Private Sector Forum:

<http://www.fao.org/wsfs/wsfs-meetings/wsfs-privatesector/en/>

Parliamentary Meeting:

<http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/food09.htm>

Civil Society Organizations Forum:

http://peoplesforum2009.foodsovereignty.org/press_releases

Daily Reports:

<http://www.iisd.ca/ymb/food/wsfs2009/>

FAO Meeting Webcast:

<http://www.fao.org/webcast/>