

EU-US Transatlantic Development Dialogue: Road Map for Cooperation in Food Security – 2010-2011

The EU-US Summit mandate commits the two sides to immediate action on food security at the global, regional and national levels. The framework for our joint actions includes the Joint Statement on Food Security agreed at the July 2009 G8 Summit in L'Aquila, the November 2009 Rome Declaration, and the Global Partnership for Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition.

To carry out the Summit mandate on food security, the European Union and the United States have agreed to work together on issues in the following four key areas:

- Global Follow-up to L'Aquila and Rome Summits
- Coordination in Africa
- Expanded Cooperation in Other Regions
- Integrating Nutrition and Climate Change

Our work in these areas should support and enhance country-led and region-led processes. It is at the country and regional levels where much of the cooperation and coordination between the United States and the European Union should continue to take place. In addition, the EU and the USA will intensify policy dialogue on food security and nutrition. This dialogue provides a forum in which to discuss and exchange experiences on issues of mutual interest, including inter-institutional coordination, in support of food security. It will also allow the reinforcement of country- and regional-level coordination, and address specific issues as they arise.

Within the overall structure of our mutual food security agenda outlined above, we will focus our initial efforts on a limited number of concrete areas, at three levels: global, regional and country. The activities at these levels, outlined below, will be further elaborated through substantive technical consultations to take place during May 2010 to develop a Joint Work Plan for consideration by the Senior Level working Group in June 2010.

1. Joint action at the country level.

As the two largest donors around the world, the United States and the EU already have extensive engagement in country-led development processes. The U.S.-EU Development Dialogue will add value to this ongoing engagement by enhancing political-level support for field-based cooperation. Cooperative activities at the country level will be in support of country-led processes.

We will have identified five to seven countries in which we will start or intensify work to jointly support the country-owned, multi-donor development of comprehensive food security policies, strategies and investment plans, including food access, nutrition and other issues, by the time of the G8 and G20 Summits in late June 2010. At least two of the countries will be outside of the African region. Within Africa, our joint activities will be coordinated within the CAADP process. The deliverables will include the following areas of joint US-EU cooperation:

- a. We will jointly support the organization of and active participation by all relevant stakeholders in technical and high-level reviews of country plans. The Joint Work Plan will identify (on the basis of mutually-agreed transparent criteria) specific countries in which the United States and the EU are both major donors. We will cooperate on technical and high-level reviews, bringing our respective technical expertise, resources, and comparative advantages to bear so that the process results in a final coordinated, country-led plans, covering policy and institutional reforms, as well as investments.
- b. We will support coordinated outreach to the private sector and civil society (including farmers' organizations) in the selected countries to ensure those sectors' involvement in reviewing country plans. In the countries identified for cooperation in sub-paragraph (a), the United States and the EU will exchange information on private sector and civil society participants that should be included in the development and review process.
- c. At the country level, we will –where necessary- jointly approach international organizations to encourage their full participation in and support for the CAADP process.
- d. We will coordinate in advance of the CAADP Multi-Donor Trust Fund partnership committee meetings.

2. Joint action at the regional level

As initial areas of regional focus, we will jointly support implementation of the West Africa ECOWAS regional agriculture program, ECOWAP/CAADP. The ECOWAP/CAADP Regional Partnership Compact, which was concluded in November 2009, is the first CAADP regional partnership compact to be finalized.

- a. Jointly review the ECOWAP/CAADP plan and support the active participation of others in a high-level review, working closely with ECOWAS to drive the process.
- b. The Joint Work Program will identify specific initiatives or programs which we will jointly support through financial and technical assistance.
- c. Jointly support with financial and technical assistance the institutional capacity building of the respective Regional Economic Communities such as ECOWAS and COMESA.

3. Joint action at the global level

Jointly support the implementation of reforms of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

- 3.1 Reform of the CFS helps to fulfill the G8 commitment to advance implementation of the Global Partnership for Agriculture and Food Security and Nutrition (GPAFSN). The reformed CFS should be a body that will

provide value-added technical support and advice to the ongoing global effort to advance food security and nutrition, including the development of metrics to measure development progress. The CFS reform plan approved by the FAO Conference in November 2009 sets the stage for a more productive CFS that supports country-led food security planning, builds upon the UN's Comprehensive Framework for Action (which should be reviewed and modified if necessary), and institutes the High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE), which will provide scientific and knowledge-based analysis and advice. In preparation for the October 2010 CFS meeting (the first meeting since agreeing to the CFS reform package), the U.S. and EU will work together on:

- a. Discussion on how to utilize the HLPE, including elaborating a list of topics to be addressed by the HLPE in the next few years.
- b. In line with paragraph 6.ii of the CFS Reform Document, discuss and seek agreement with other partners on common indicators for measuring progress toward food security and nutrition objectives in coordination with AFSI.

3.2 Reforms of the CGIAR are designed to refocus international research on delivering measurable results from agricultural research to reduce hunger and poverty while enhancing ecosystem resilience. As part of the reform process, the CGIAR will establish "Mega-Programs" to address the most pressing development challenges in food, agriculture and natural resources management. Information about such programs should be exchanged with the CFS HLPE.

- c. Within the context of the ongoing CGIAR reform process, the U.S. and the EU will work together to jointly support mega-programs, proposed by CGIAR, that are priorities for both sides.

The ministerial EU-US High Level Consultative Group on Development (HLCGD) has decided to delegate follow-up to the Joint Senior Level working Group. A EU-US technical level working group on food security will review progress achieved and will advise the Senior Level Working Group on a Quarterly basis. The Senior Level Working Group will meet twice before the next HLCGD in 2011 with their first meeting in June 2010.