

The background features a large, light gray watermark of the FAO logo. The logo is circular and contains a central emblem of a wheat stalk with a flame above it. The Latin motto "FIAT PANIS" is written in a circular path around the emblem. The text "FAO Reform" is overlaid on the top half of the logo.

**FAO Reform**

**“Renewal with  
Growth”**

# FAO Today

- **3450 staff (1450 professionals, 2000 support)**
- **5 regional offices, 11 subregional offices, 5 liaison offices and over 78 country offices**
- **FAO Headquarters: 8 Departments, 6 “Technical”**
- **40% staff outside Headquarters**
- **Annual budget approximately \$1 billion**
- **191 member countries plus the European Union**

# FAO as a multilateral

- **FAO pre-eminent agency on food and agriculture acting as a neutral platform for:**
  - **information sharing/data analysis**
  - **policy analysis/advice**
  - **standard setting/global conventions**
- **In conjunction with IFAD, WFP, CGIAR, the World Bank, and others**

# **FAO's Mandate**

- 1. raise level of nutrition and standards of living of the peoples**
- 2. secure improvements in the efficiency of production and distribution of food and all agricultural products**
- 3. better the condition of rural populations**
- 4. and thus contribute towards an expanding world economy and ensure humanity's freedom from hunger**

# FAO's Reform

- **Progressive stages of reform underway since 1997**
- **Largest independent evaluation in UN**
- **Conclusion? “If FAO did not exist, its Members would have to create it...”**
- **Changes at all levels, all dimensions**
- **In a context of two decades of decline of resources, stagnation of investment and lack of interest in agriculture**

# Working with Civil Society

**Build on precedents and accomplishments:**

- **“Operational” to “Normative”, Global to National**
- **World Food Summit & its Follow-Up**
- **Right to Food**
- **Technical Committees & Conventions:  
Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, ITPGRFA...**
- **“One Country” UN approaches**

# Partnerships and Reform

- **FAO irrelevant without robust partnerships and alliances**
- **CFS as a multi-stakeholder process with civil society as Participants**
- **Regional Conferences as part of the Governing Bodies**
- **Increasing autonomy of FAO Regional and Country Offices including own resources**

# **CSO Consultation for Europe**

**For FAO from civil society:**

- 1. Advise on main issues for agriculture and food in the (sub)region**
  - 2. Continuous consultation**
  - 3. Partnership and Resources**
- **A regional civil society consultative mechanism**