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