

AHG INGOS PROGRAMME 2006 - 2007



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Goals:

1. Arranging meetings with FAO officials on specific issues.
2. Preparing the AHG for all the most important FAO meetings (council, conference, committees), every time presenting statements which are shared by all the INGOs.
3. Promoting the coordination among the different INGOs headquarters in order to be present and active at the FAO Regional Conferences.
4. Playing an active role in the IAAH development process.
5. Making every INGOs cooperate with each other in specific plans, which have to be carried out with the FAO.
6. Promoting the image of the AHG with the FAO, IFAD, WFP and IPGRI.
7. Being constantly present at the NGO/CSO International Planning Committee(IPC).
8. Playing an active part in preparing the Special Forum 2006.

1. Arranging meetings with FAO officials on specific issues.

We are going to arrange thematic meetings in order to advance the understanding of particular thematic areas and keep up to date about the related FAO developments. These meetings will aim at picking out specific opportunities of cooperating between every INGOs and the FAO.

These specific issues are:

- Rural development
- The role of women
- Biodiversity
- The right to food – Food sovereignty
- Nutrition – Food

2. Preparing the AHG for the official FAO meetings (council, conference, committees), presenting joint AHG statements as required.

It is increasingly necessary to play an active role and express ourselves as AHG. Individual INGOs are of course free to intervene at FAO official meetings and to discuss directly with the FAO staff on matters of their concern. But it is important to prepare and present statements on shared points of view. This applies also to the cooperation with the IPC.

In order to achieve this aim, the topics of the AHG monthly meetings will be closely related to the dates and the subjects on the agenda of the different FAO institutional meetings.

3. Promoting the coordination among the different INGOs headquarters in order to be present and active at the FAO Regional Conferences.

The FAO Regional Conferences represent a fundamental occasion for checking and planning on the field. It is important that the INGOs, that have a cooperation status with the FAO, try to attend these meetings.

It is necessary to set up a system of communication which enables to share information on the participation of the INGOs of the AHG to the FAO Regional Conferences.

4. Playing an active role in the International Alliance Against Hunger (IAAH) development process.

The initiative of the IAAH was approved at the WFS: *fy/* in 2002. In its development, it is more and more assuming the form of a great mobilization which brings together governments, the private sector and the NGOs, who are together in the effort to produce positive actions to fight against hunger and poverty.

The AHG has taken part in the development process of the IAAH (website, membership, strategy paper, etc.), being involved in the FAO Working Group .

The AHG intends to continue playing an active role in order to make the INGOs' point of view always taken into account in the IAAH development process. In this intention, the AHG hopes that the IAAH Working Group can give itself a permanent advisory and monitoring structure.

The AHG is committing itself to stimulate a larger involvement of INGOs in the IAAH. The AHG thinks that the development and action of every single national alliance, which represent the innovative push that leads the IAAH to positive results, are extremely important.

5. Making every INGOs cooperate with each other in specific plans, which have to be carried out with the FAO.

The AHG is the place where members INGOs can have opportunities of mutual confrontation and bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

For this purpose, specific projects will be planned where cooperation among members will be considered possible at national levels.

An example is given in attachment 1.

6. Promoting the image of the AHG with the FAO, IFAD, WFP and IPGRI.

For this purpose an official logo has been developed, and steps taken to establish an AHG website, which will be a useful instrument for exchanging information rapidly and continuously.

7. Being constantly present at the International Planning Committee.

The AHG is a member of the IPC. This presence has to result in a continuous debate about common topics and about the NGO's role in the dialogue with the FAO and lead to an effective collaboration. Selecting common points of view makes both of them stronger and more forceful in their action. Specific meetings with the IPC's representatives will be arranged to debate and coordinate our joint participation and interventions at FAO events.

8. Playing an active part in preparing and participating in the Special Forum 2006.

The involvement and the attendance at the Special Forum 2006 are AHG's overriding goals, which will be central at all the preparatory meetings. It is an historical event which has a strategic importance for the achievement of the first of the Millennium Development Goals. The AHG and its members will have to be adequate in order to have a real influence on it.