



## Information on the Global Food Crisis

### UN Entities

- Secretary-General's High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis: <http://www.un.org/issues/food/taskforce/>,
- Special Rapporteur on the right to food: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/food/index.htm>,  
<http://www.srfood.org/index.php?lang=en>
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
  - World Food Situation: <http://www.fao.org/worldfoodsituation>
  - Right to Food: [http://www.fao.org/righttofood/index\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/righttofood/index_en.htm)
- Global Food Crisis (ReliefWeb): <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/GlobalFoodCrisis?Readform>
- International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) – Soaring food prices and the rural poor: <http://www.ifad.org/operations/food/food.htm>
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) – Global Food Crisis: <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/survey/so/2008/INT051308A.htm>
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/Aids (UNAIDS) – Policy on HIV, food security and nutrition: [http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/Resources/FeatureStories/archive/2008/20080521\\_New\\_UNAIDS\\_policy\\_HIV\\_food\\_security\\_nutrition.asp](http://www.unaids.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/Resources/FeatureStories/archive/2008/20080521_New_UNAIDS_policy_HIV_food_security_nutrition.asp)
- UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
  - Global Food Trends: <http://ochaonline.un.org/News/IntheSpotlightGlobalFoodCrisis/tabid/4429/Default.aspx>
  - Global Food Crisis – Latest Updates: <http://ochaonline.un.org/News/IntheSpotlightGlobalFoodCrisis/LatestUpdates/tabid/4578/Default.aspx>
- World Bank – Food Price Crisis: <http://www.worldbank.org/html/extdr/foodprices/>
- World Food Programme (WFP)
  - What high food prices mean for WFP: <http://wfp.org/english/?ModuleID=137&Key=2797>
  - Dossier: Global Food Crisis in Depth: <http://www.wfp.org/global-food-crisis-in-depth>
  - Food Aid Information System: <http://www.wfp.org/fais/>
- World Health Organization (WHO) - Global food security crisis: [http://www.who.int/food\\_crisis/en/](http://www.who.int/food_crisis/en/)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) - The global food crisis: What is the role of trade?  
[http://www.wto.org/english/forums\\_e/debates\\_e/debate9\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/forums_e/debates_e/debate9_e.htm)

### UN Conferences & Events

- World Food Day – 16 October: <http://www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/en/> ,  
<http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/food/index.html>
- World Summit on Food Security, 16 – 18 November 2009, Rome, Italy:  
<http://www.fao.org/wsfs/world-summit/en/>
- Interactive Thematic Dialogue of the UN General Assembly on the Global Food Crisis and the Right to Food, 6 April 2009, United Nations Headquarters:  
<http://www.un.org/ga/president/63/interactive/globalfoodcrisis.shtml>
- “Food Security for All” meeting, 26-27 January 2009, Madrid, Spain:  
<http://www.un.org/issues/food/taskforce/factsheets.shtml>
- Right to Food Forum, 1 - 3 October 2008, FAO, Rome:  
[http://www.fao.org/righttofood/rtf\\_forum/index\\_en.html](http://www.fao.org/righttofood/rtf_forum/index_en.html)
- High-Level Conference on World Food Security: the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy, Rome, Italy, 3 - 5 June 2008: <http://www.fao.org/foodclimate/conference.html>

- Human Rights Council – 7th Special session on “The negative impact on the realization of the right to food of the worsening of the world food crisis, caused inter alia by the soaring food prices”, Geneva, 22 May 2008: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/specialsession/7/index.htm>
- Economic and Social Council – Special Meeting on the Global Food Crisis, 20 - 22 May 2008: <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/GlobalFoodCrisis/index.shtml>
- World Food Summit – five years later, 10 - 13 June 2002: <http://www.fao.org/worldfoodsummit/english/index.html>
- World Food Summit, Rome, Italy, 13 -17 November 1996: [http://www.fao.org/wfs/index\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/wfs/index_en.htm)

## Selected Statements and Speeches of UN Officials

- Food, nutritional security ‘foundation of a decent life’ says Secretary-General at Headquarters Event (SG/SM/12496, 26 September 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sgsm12496.doc.htm>
- At ‘Partnering for Food Security’ Event, Secretary-General sees commitment to moving from principles to action (SG/SM/12497, 26 September 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/sgsm12497.doc.htm>
- Food security, violent conflict, return of coups among challenges requiring resolute action, Deputy Secretary-General tells African Union summit (DSG/SM/465-AFR/1866, 1 July 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2009/dsgsm465.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, Spain’s Prime Minister issue joint statement following Food Security Meeting in Madrid (SG/2148-DEV/2730, 27 January 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2009/sg2148.doc.htm>
- Continuing hunger ‘deep stain on our world’, but wealth, know-how exist ‘to remove it — forever’, says Secretary-General to High-level Madrid Meeting (SG/SM/12067-DEV/2729, 27 January 2009): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2009/sgsm12067.doc.htm>
- Food Security: Our forgotten crisis / by Ban Ki-moon and co-authored by Prime Minister Rodriguez Zapatero of Spain (International Herald Tribune (France), 25 January 2009): <http://www.un.org/sg/articleFull.asp?TID=90&Type=Op-Ed>
- Ensuring World food security will lay foundation for future peace, prosperity, says Secretary-General at food day observance (SG/SM/11879-OBV/739, 23 October 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11879.doc.htm>
- Global food, energy, financial crises highlight urgent need to strengthen UN development pillar, Deputy Secretary-General tells Fifth Committee (DSG/SM/421-GA/AB/3866, 14 October 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/dsgsm421.doc.htm>
- Global financial turmoil exacerbating rising food, fuel costs during fight to keep Millennium Development promises, says Secretary-General in World Food Day message (SG/SM/11860-OBV/735, 13 October 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2008/sgsm11860.doc.htm>
- Food crisis far from over, Secretary-General warns, calling children’s declining nutritional status ‘a moral outrage’, at opening of high-level evening event (SG/SM/11828, 25 September 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11828.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General, addressing side event on food security in Africa, stresses need to change laws, practices that discriminate against women (SG/SM/11804-AFR/1752, 22 September 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11804.doc.htm>
- ‘Double jeopardy’ of high food, fuel prices threatens to undermine progress towards global development goals, says Secretary-General, in General Assembly remarks (SG/SM/11707-GA/10730, 18 July 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11707.doc.htm>
- Joint communique by Secretary-General, Italian Prime Minister on world food crisis (SG/2139/Rev.1\*, 4 June 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sg2139.doc.htm>
- Food production must rise by 50 per cent, Secretary-General tells Rome high-level conference, stressing that crisis is chance to revisit past policies (SG/SM/11612, 3 June 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11612.doc.htm>
- Statement of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the occasion of the special meeting of the Council on the global food crisis (20 May 2008): <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=E/2008/66>

- Progress towards millennium development goals at risk of being wiped out, warns Deputy Secretary-General in remarks to special meeting on global food crisis (DSG/SM/393-ECOSOC/6332, 20 May 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/dsgsm393.doc.htm>
- High-level Task Force 'will develop comprehensive strategy on food price crisis', says Secretary-General after chairing first meeting in New York (SG/SM/11559, 12 May 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sqsm11559.doc.htm>
- New UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Food calls for Special Session of Human Rights Council (New York and Geneva, 2 May 2008): <http://www.unhcr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01/BC54DEAD8AED3B95C125743D0051778A?opendocument>
- World Food Crisis: Through Africa with hope / by Ban Ki-moon (International Herald Tribune (France), 1 May 2008): <http://www.un.org/sg/articleFull.asp?TID=78&Type=Op-Ed>
- Launching Geneva lecture series, Secretary-General says global food crisis chance to address root problems of world's poorest, majority of whom are small farmers (SG/SM/11541, 29 April 2008): <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sqsm11541.doc.htm>
- The New Face of Hunger / by Ban Ki-moon (Washington Post, 12 March 2008): <http://www.un.org/sg/articleFull.asp?TID=73&Type=Op-Ed>

## Further information

- UN News Focus – Food crisis: <http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=137&Body=food&Body1=crisis>
- The ten most Frequently Asked Questions about the recent rise in food prices (FAO): [http://www.fao.org/GIEWS/ENGLISH/faq\\_hp.htm](http://www.fao.org/GIEWS/ENGLISH/faq_hp.htm)
- Analysis of the World Food Crisis by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (Background Note, 2 May 2008): <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/food/docs/SRRTFnotefoodcrisis.pdf>
- Millennium Development Goal No. 1 – Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/poverty.shtml> , <http://endpoverty2015.org/goals/end-hunger>
- Global Issues on the UN Agenda – Food: <http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/food/index.shtml>
- CyberSchoolBus – World Hunger: <http://www.feedingminds.org/>
- Global food crisis: more go hungry amid economic turmoil (Ten Stories the World Should Hear More About 2008): <http://www.un.org/en/events/tenstories/08/foodcrisis.shtml>

## Selected Publications available online:

- Food prices: smallholder farmers can be part of the solution (IFAD, June 2009): [http://www.ifad.org/operations/food/factsheet/food\\_e.pdf](http://www.ifad.org/operations/food/factsheet/food_e.pdf)
- More people than ever are victims of hunger (FAO Background Note, June 2009): [http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/newsroom/docs/Press%20release%20june-en.pdf](http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/user_upload/newsroom/docs/Press%20release%20june-en.pdf)
- The Environmental Food Crisis: The Environment's Role in Averting Future Food Crises (UNEP, February 2009): <http://www.grida.no/publications/rr/food-crisis/>
- The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2008: High food prices and food security – threats and opportunities (FAO): <http://www.fao.org/docrep/011/i0291e/i0291e00.htm>
- State of Food and Agriculture (FAO Annual Report): [http://www.fao.org/sof/sofa/index\\_en.html](http://www.fao.org/sof/sofa/index_en.html)
- TUNZA - The UNEP Magazine for Youth, Vol. 6, Number 2: Food and the environment: [http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza\\_6.2\\_EN.pdf](http://www.unep.org/pdf/tunza/Tunza_6.2_EN.pdf)
- High-Level Task Force on the Global Food Crisis - Comprehensive Framework for Action (July 2008): [http://www.who.int/food\\_crisis/framework\\_for\\_action\\_July2008.pdf](http://www.who.int/food_crisis/framework_for_action_July2008.pdf)
- Africa Renewal, Volume 22 No. 2, July 2008: "End Food Crisis: Support Africa's Farmers": <http://www.un.org/french/ecosocdev/geninfo/afrec/vol22no2/index.html>
- Food crisis: Scarcity amid plenty (DESA News Vol. 12, No. 05, May 2008): <http://www.un.org/esa/desa/desaNews/v12n05/feature.html#food>
- Addressing the Global Food Crisis: Key trade, investment and commodity policies in ensuring sustainable food security and alleviating poverty (UNCTAD, May 2008): [http://www.unctad.org/sections/edm\\_dir/docs/osg\\_2008\\_1\\_en.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/sections/edm_dir/docs/osg_2008_1_en.pdf)

- Implications of higher global food prices for poverty in low-income countries (World Bank, April 2008):  
[http://econ.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64165259&piPK=64165421&theSitePK=469372&menuPK=64166093&entityID=000158349\\_20080416103709](http://econ.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64165259&piPK=64165421&theSitePK=469372&menuPK=64166093&entityID=000158349_20080416103709)
- Halving hunger: it can be done (Millennium Project Report, January 2007):  
[http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/reports/tf\\_hunger.htm](http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/reports/tf_hunger.htm)