



## **INCEPTION WORKSHOP International Food Security Network – Third Phase (IFSN III)<sup>1</sup>**

A five-day inception workshop of the International Food Security Network (IFSN III) has ended in Bangkok, Thailand on 10 May 2013. It was organised for the official partners, regional coordinators, country focal persons, steering committee members and the IFSN Global Secretariat. The workshop sought to reinforce the bonds among the 6 IFSN regional networks, and promised to create stronger regional global spaces for pro-poor food security policies.

The first two days of the workshop aimed at fostering a common understanding and agreement between partners, stakeholders on IFSN III project's goals and objectives, EC contract management, financial and narrative reporting, procurement rules, internal and external audit, communication protocols, and monitoring and evaluation. Moreover, IFSN's regional structure and management challenges were also discussed.

The last three days focused on overall global and regional planning and advocacy built on a common vision of ensuring food and nutrition security for all. The sessions aimed at identifying IFSN's common vision, challenges, and opportunities across regions. Global food security scenario as to global challenges, food governance, multi-stakeholder approach, and CFS<sup>2</sup> were also discussed that included experiences from GAFSP<sup>3</sup>, CAADP<sup>4</sup>, CSM<sup>5</sup>, and FIAN International<sup>6</sup>. The sessions also included experience sharing on networking at global and regional level in Africa, the Americas and Asia.

The last session focused on political visioning and relevant governance structure to picture IFSN beyond 2017<sup>7</sup> and what systems and structure needed to be in place to reach its goals.

In the end, all workshop participants - in principle - committed to adhering to the plans and opportunities agreed and identified at the workshop towards ensuring food security and nutrition of millions of people across the world.

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<sup>1</sup> IFSN III will work with its 6 regional networks: AFSN (Asia), ASASAN (South America), ESAFSN (East and South Africa), REDCASSAN (Central America), REDSAN-CPLP (Portuguese speaking African countries), WAFSN (West Africa), 12 official partners: ActionAid (South Africa), ACTUAR (Portugal), AIPE (Bolivia), Ayuda en Acción (Spain), CCRD (Vietnam), CNCR (Senegal), FIAN (Germany), INCIDIN (Bangladesh), Peoples Solidaires (France), SOS Sahel International (France), sSTEP (India) and Unnayan Dhara (Bangladesh). The 6 regional networks include 31 national networks that were formed during IFSN I and IFSN II.

<sup>2</sup> Committee on World Food Security [<http://www.fao.org/cfs/en/>]

<sup>3</sup> Global Agriculture and Food Security Program [<http://www.gafspfund.org/>]

<sup>4</sup> Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme [<http://www.nepad-caadp.net/>]

<sup>5</sup> Civil Society Mechanism [<http://www.csm4cfs.org/>]

<sup>6</sup> [www.fian.org](http://www.fian.org)

<sup>7</sup> End of project's third phase