

Priority messages for the High-Level Panel from representatives of small-scale farmers, workers, the informal sector and small businesses

Inclusive and sustainable growth, which includes decent employment for all, and increased income at household level, combined with universal social protection, needs to be grounded in a human-rights based approach. This means a vision of growth that enhances the capabilities and protects the rights of workers, the informal sector and small-scale food producers. With the right policies these sectors can be at the centre of inclusive and sustainable economic transformation.

To fulfil this vision the post 2015 development framework must focus on the following priorities and enablers:

Priorities

- Increased income at household level
- Increased productivity
- Appropriate and affordable food for all
- Improved infrastructure for transforming agricultural produce (“value added”) to improve marketing, distribution and decent employment opportunities
- Better technological change & technology transfer across sectors
- Discovery of new/ additional resources
- Comprehensive inclusion of all including vulnerable groups and the disabled
- Full and decent employment for all
- Universal access to quality education, training and skills development
- Universal social protection

Enablers

- Technical knowledge of farmers
- Equipment and storage facilities, adequate infrastructure and transportation systems
- Participation in defining the way markets work; create new markets, access to existing markets; fairer trade agreements.
- Strengthening of cooperatives
- Respect intellectual property rights on seeds
- Access to information
- Create access to credit support, legal access to and ownership of land as well as security of tenure
- Capacity improvement
- A legal minimum wage, freedom of association, collective bargaining and social dialogue
- Democratic institutions that promote equal participation of all citizens and spaces for formal multi-stakeholder dialogue
- Institutionalised social protection

Towards a global framework, we believe that the future framework must expand its vision of development beyond GDP and mere economic growth, taking into account social dimensions and recognising human rights.

The new framework should focus on the Right to Food and food sovereignty for all. In support of this we can strengthen existing policies and bodies which contribute to global sustainable food security, for instance the UN Committee on World Food Security.

Given the persistence of jobless-growth which has in recent years as evidenced by the triple crisis proven unsustainable, we need to refocus our effort on job-intensive income generating growth and therefore include a goal aimed at full and decent employment for all. This would be complemented by specific goals on inequality and universal social protection.

To ensure accountability in a future framework ensure that its future governance structure, and its monitoring framework, are multi-stakeholder, with equal participation to ensure co-ownership.