

## Focsiv Foresight activity:

Workshop, 9th July 2012  
Via XX Settembre 166 - Terni

### “RIO + 20 RESULTS: IT IS REALLY *THIS* THE FEATURE WE WANT? MOVING FORWARD TO FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE”

#### *Short background:*

At the Rio+20 Conference, world leaders, along with thousands of participants from governments, the private sector, NGOs and other groups, met to shape how we can reduce poverty, advance social equity and ensure environmental protection on an ever more crowded planet to get to the future we want.

The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) has been placed in Brazil on 20-22 June 2012 to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in Rio de Janeiro, and the 10th anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg.

The Conference focused on two themes: a green economy in the context of sustainable development poverty eradication; the institutional framework for sustainable development.

The preparations for Rio+20 have highlighted seven areas which need priority attention; these include decent jobs, energy, sustainable cities, food security and sustainable agriculture, water, oceans and disaster readiness.

The core issue of the Conference was sustainable development, what does it is, how can we realize it. Sustainable development meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Seen as the guiding principle for long-term global development, sustainable development consists of three pillars: economic development, social development and environmental protection. Within this framework, and coherently with the two central themes focused during the conference, a specific relevance had Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture. On this theme was held the Issues Brief 9.

The purpose of this Issues Brief, as well as of the other Issues Brief held during the Conferences, was to provide a channel for policymakers and other interested stakeholders to discuss and review issues relevant to the objective and themes of the conference, including a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, as well as the institutional framework for sustainable development. With a specific view to the Issues Brief 9, Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture, it underlined that food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. Food security covers availability, access, utilization and stability issues, and ? in its focus on individuals ? also embraces their energy, protein and nutrient needs for life, activity, pregnancy, growth and long-term capabilities. Sustainable agriculture is not officially defined but generally refers to the capacity of agriculture over time to contribute to overall welfare by providing sufficient food and other goods and services in ways that are economically efficient and profitable, socially responsible, and environmentally sound.

#### *Objective:*

To strengthen the information exchange between the Secretary and some of the NGOs operating in developing countries, especially on the issues of sustainable agriculture, food security, environment, and

deepen the debate and reflection about the issues related to these themes the EU Trade and Agriculture Policy, with a view to what emerged from the RIO + 20 Conference.

Analyse the EU position on the document debated at the Conference, and which could be the impact of the Conference result on the EU policy on environment, trade, agriculture, green economy.

With this workshop Focsiv want to lead to a confrontation among its partner organizations, in order to share the contents emerged in this important global Conference. Moreover there will be an update on foreseen activities for 2012 about the project “*EU Trade & Agriculture Policy and its implication on poverty reduction (MDG1)- Promotion of coherence by Civil Society*”, which will close in December 2012.

This project is promoted by Misereor and FOCSIV, with contribution from the European Commission.

### *Content of the activity:*

- Information exchange and update about the issues faced at the Conference RIO + 20, with a particular attention to the EU position on these themes, and its links with EU Trade and Agriculture Policy. How EU will act on this strategic global ground, and now the EU is moving to face the global challenges related to sustainable development, environment, green economy, food security.
- Strengthening and development of good practices both at the European project level and in developing countries.

### *Method:*

Development, implementation and sharing of information on the abovementioned themes.

### *Target Group:*

Representatives and members of FOCSIV NGOs.

### *Organisation:*

- a) *When:* 9th July, 2012, from 10:00 to 17:00, c/o Focsiv NGO “Fondazione Aiutiamoli a Vivere”, Via XX Settembre 166 - Terni
- b) *How many people:* expected 50 participants
- c) *Room:* Meeting room c/o, Focsiv NGO “Fondazione Aiutiamoli a vivere”, Via XX Settembre 166 - Terni - Italy
- d) *Finances:* 3.000