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### **The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Serving both developed and developing countries, FAO acts as a neutral forum where all nations meet as equals to negotiate agreements and debate policy. On any given day, dozens of policy-makers and experts from around the globe convene at FAO Headquarters or in FAO field offices to forge agreements on major food and agriculture issues.

FAO is also a source of knowledge and information. It uses the expertise of its staff and helps developing countries and countries in transition modernize and improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices and ensure good nutrition for all. Since its founding in 1945, FAO has focused special attention on developing rural areas, home to 70 percent of the world's poor and hungry people. Given the rapid rates of urbanization, FAO's work advocates for the importance of city region food systems/integrated territorial approaches for sustainable urban development.

The organization's breadth of knowledge is put to the test in thousands of field projects across the world. FAO provides the technical know-how and in a few cases provides a limited source of catalytic funds. In crisis situations, the Organization works side-by-side with the World Food Programme and other humanitarian agencies to protect rural livelihoods and help people rebuild their lives.

FAO lends its years of experience to member countries in devising agricultural policy, supporting planning, drafting effective legislation and creating national strategies to achieve rural development and hunger alleviation goals.

### **The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

Founded in 1972, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. It is not one of the UN specialised agencies but rather a subsidiary body of the General Assembly.

UNEP is often referred to as the "environmental conscience of the United Nations." Its primary purpose is to act as a catalyst for UN environmental activities. It identifies and analyses environmental challenges, elaborates principles of environmental protection, develops regional environmental protection programmes and supports developing countries in setting up national environmental protection programmes. Every other year, the organisation issues a report on the global state of the environment in which it documents damages and advancements.



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