

What is the WORLD FOOD SUMMIT: FIVE YEARS LATER?

It is a global forum that will take stock of gains made towards ending hunger and identify ways to accelerate the process.

Who will attend the SUMMIT?

Heads of State or Government are invited to this landmark event because of their unique ability to influence policy at the highest level. United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental as well as non-governmental organizations will also participate.

Why now?

At the 1996 World Food Summit, representatives of 185 nations and the European Community set a goal of cutting by half the number of hungry children, women and men by 2015.



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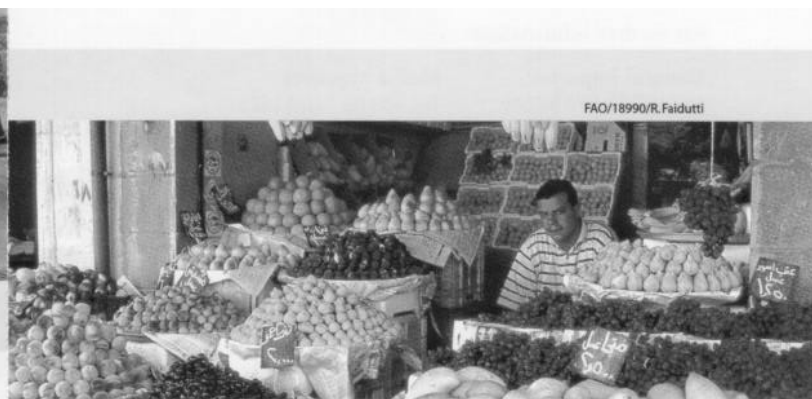
Unfortunately, progress to date has been too slow. To reach the target, the number of hungry people must decrease by 20 million each year, far above the current rate of 8 million. If corrective actions are taken now, the goal can still be met.

What the SUMMIT is not

The agreements reached at the 1996 Summit and adopted in the Rome Declaration and Plan of Action will not be reopened for discussion. Instead, world leaders will be expected to reaffirm their commitments and to consider specific measures to ensure achievement of the goals.

What does the SUMMIT hope to accomplish?

- Review advances made since the 1996 World Food Summit
- Outline the measures leaders envisage to reach the goals
- Mobilize political will and resources to move forward at an accelerated pace



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