



The President of the UN Economic and Social Council visits the Committee on World Food Security in Rome

H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), made an official trip to Rome to address the fortieth session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). The event, which took place from 7th to 11th of October, brought together representatives from different sectors who discussed the following themes: food security and nutrition, natural resource management, energy security, policy convergence and coordination, multi-stakeholder action.

President Osorio's visit contributed to renewing the Council's commitment to work closely with the Committee on food security issues which, as he emphasized, are to be made central in the post-2015 development agenda.



ECOSOC President Néstor Osorio addressing the panel discussion on Coordination and Linkages with CFS. Photo: ©FAO/Giulio Napolitano

During his visit, the President of ECOSOC participated to the panel discussion and delivered closing remarks at the closing session of the Committee. "It is necessary to increase the visibility of the work of the Committee and raise awareness of the issue of food security in other development bodies. We at the Economic and Social Council will continue to support efforts to that end", President Osorio said, introducing the panel discussion held on the theme "Multi-stakeholder Models that Promote Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable

Agriculture: Towards the Post-2015 Development Agenda".

President Osorio also mentioned the important role played by ECOSOC and its Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) in supporting global partnerships for development and placing food security at the core of its priorities. In this regard, he highlighted that "pursuing Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns is an imperative, given that our resource-intensive living model is posting urgent and inter-linked economic, social and environmental challenges" and called for the use of a global and structural approach when addressing food security in a universal agenda.

In the context of the ECOSOC reform recently adopted by the UN General Assembly, President of ECOSOC's visit contributed to reaffirming the Council's role as a "platform

for in depth policy discussion on development issues, with specific role on ensuring an integrated approach to the three dimensions of sustainable development”. Indeed, President Osorio pledged that the newly reformed ECOSOC would “provide opportunities for substantive interaction between the Council and other UN entities” and include food security and nutrition at the core of its multidimensional approach.

The President of ECOSOC referred to the Council’s Development Cooperation Forum to be held in Switzerland next month, which will address among other issues resource mobilization to ensure food security at a symposium