



## **STATEMENT AS DELIVERED BY THE AED-PG INTRODUCTION OF RBA COLLABORATION PAPER**

Distinguished Board Delegates,

It is my pleasure to present to you today, an update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies that are the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme.

I am happy that observers from FAO and IFAd are with us today.

The final version of the paper before you today, benefited from an Informal Consultation held on 4th September with

the membership of the WFP Executive Board. During that consultation you made a number of comments.

1. We've heard your request to have the CFS products and policy recommendations mainstreamed in our activities;
2. We've heard your request for the the three Rome-based agencies to develop together a results-framework to measure outcomes of our collaboration;
3. We've heard your expectation that frequent and efficient dialogue occurs among the three Rome-based agencies at senior and mid-management levels ;
4. We've heard your strong appeal for more collaboration at the country-level.

In a few minutes Ms Mihoko Tamamura, Director, PGR, will present the report by incorporating our responses. But I myself would like to touch on a couple of strategic issues.

On behalf of the three Rome-based agencies and on my behalf, I would like to **renew our strong commitment to working together, for enhanced collaboration that will strengthen efforts towards reaching food security and improved nutrition worldwide.**

WFP was clearly mandated by its Executive Board to update its membership on the status of collaboration among the Rome-based Agencies. Both FAO and IFAD proactively collaborated with WFP in preparing the update and have renewed their commitment to doing so in future. Should joint reporting be the way forward, secretariats of IFAD and FAO should also be requested to do so by their respective governing bodies. This would help foster further involvement of the other Rome-based agencies.

I also want to stress that each of the three Rome-based agencies has developed a strategic results framework which includes partnership indicators. At present, there is **no joint plan among the Rome-based agencies to create a**

**separate reporting mechanism on RBA collaboration.**

This perhaps is one of the issues to be addressed in the context of setting a longer-term collaboration strategy among the RBAs.

As for dialogue among the three agencies, as previously reported to you, the RBA Principals and their Deputies, regularly meet to coordinate. The decisions made are disseminated within the three agencies. I want to reiterate to the Board, the **commitment by the three Principals that their good practice of meeting regularly, will be replicated at the Regional and Country levels.**



With this, I will now give the floor to Ms Tamamura to provide you more details on the collaboration amongst the Rome-based agencies. Mihoko, you have the floor.