

# CFS37 side event: Farm level monitoring and projections

agri benchmark,  
a complementary tool for FAO policy work at country level  
Experiences from the Maghreb Region

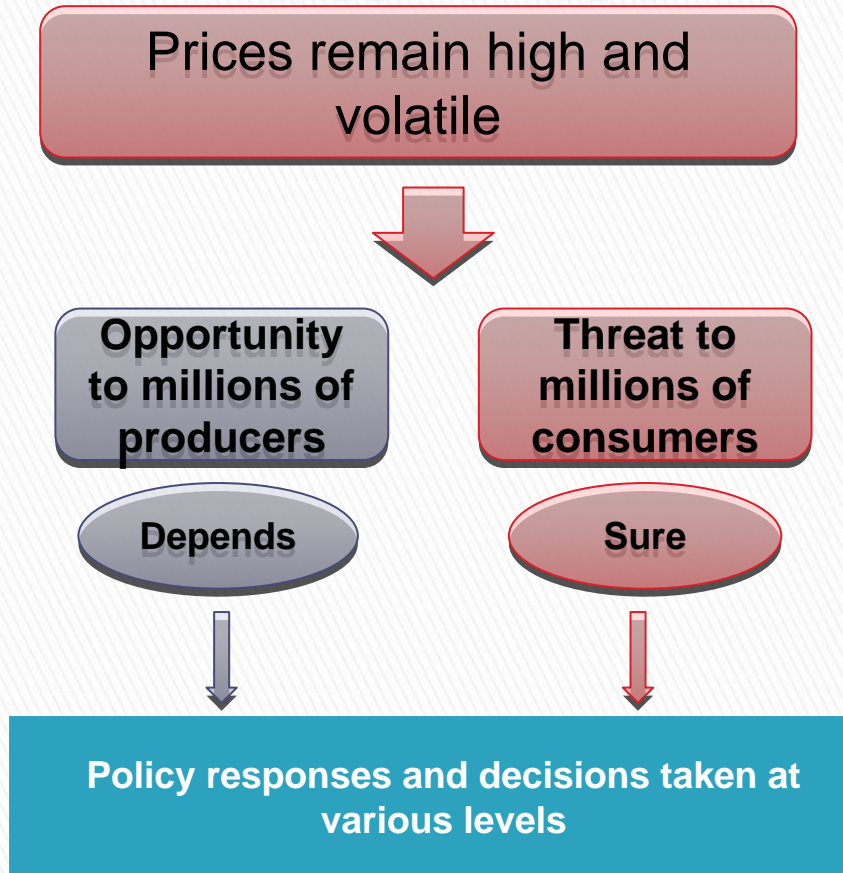
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# Overview

- ▶ Global price situation
- ▶ How can information help feed the world?
- ▶ FAO policy work in the Maghreb region
- ▶ Agri benchmark complementarities and compatibility with FAO policy work in the region
- ▶ Outlook



# Global situation



**Opportunity:** Increase production and availability of food and enhance resilience to shocks

# Updated Comprehensive Framework for Action (UCFA)

Millennium Development Goal 1:  
Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

**Meeting  
immediate  
needs of  
vulnerable  
populations**

**Building longer-  
term resilience and  
contributing to  
global food and  
nutrition security**

**Supporting information  
and accountability  
systems**



# How can information help feed the world?



## Global necessity

- ▶ Support the development or review of food security strategies
- ▶ Promote the increase of public and private investment
- ▶ Foster technology transfer, knowledge sharing and capacity development
- ▶ Invest in agricultural information systems

Informed decision making

## FAO corporate strategy E

- ▶ Improving decision making through information provision, assessments and fostering of knowledge management

## Unit result for policy work in the Maghreb :

- ▶ Capacities of countries of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) strengthened to analyze, plan and negotiate strategies, policies and programs that contribute to food security and improved agriculture and rural development.

# FAO policy work in the Maghreb region



## Major areas of work

- ▶ Strategy development and program formulation
- ▶ Thematic studies
- ▶ Strengthening negotiation capacity
- ▶ Strengthening policy analysis

## Tools and concepts introduced

- ▶ Food and agriculture policy decisions analysis (FAPDA)
- ▶ ValueLinks concept
- ▶ FAO negotiation training
- ▶ GIEWS price tool
- ▶ Agri benchmark (cost of production benchmarking)

# Agri benchmark complementarity and compatibility with FAO policy work in the region

Selected FAO core functions	Agri benchmark
b) Stimulating the generation, dissemination and application of information and knowledge	Major objective
d) Articulate policy and strategy options and advice	Aim of utilization
e) Provision of technical support to promote technology transfer, catalyze change and build capacity	Outcome when using the tool
g) Bring integrated, interdisciplinary and innovative approaches to bear on the Organization's technical work and support services	Impact when using the tool
h) Work through strong partnerships and alliances where joint action is needed	Underlying philosophy of the tool



# Outlook

- ▶ Build on what exists: Improving information on existing typical farms
- ▶ Adding new crops/livestock systems
- ▶ Using information for policy dialogue in combination with FAPDA
- ▶ Strengthening cooperation with local stakeholder organizations (including fund raising)
- ▶ Working at smallholder level



**Thank you**