Activities of the UNSCN
Climate Change and Nutrition

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Nutrition and Sustainability Seminar, Rome
Implications of climate change on undernutrition

Undernutrition is caused by inadequate dietary intake and disease, which stem from insufficient food, poor maternal and child care practices and inadequate access to clean drinking water, safe sanitation and health - all of which are directly affected by climate change:
Nutrition and Climate Change
NutCC e-working group

563 members
From 75 countries/territories
“A combination of nutrition-sensitive climate adaptation & mitigation measures, nutrition-smart investments, increased policy coherence, and institutional & cross-sectoral collaboration can contribute to address the impacts of climate change to food and nutrition security”
Pathways through which climate change affects nutrition

(Tirado et al. 2011, Adapted from Black et al. 2008 and UNICEF)
Empowering women is a cornerstone of fostering adaptation and addressing the impacts of climate change on nutrition security and health and is fundamental to effective climate-resilient development strategies.”
Ensuring health and food and nutrition security is essential for poverty eradication and climate-resilient sustainable development. This requires a gender-responsive and human rights approach.

“Health-promoting agriculture and food policies including the promotion of sustainable food production, sustainable food consumption, and food waste reduction, should be critical component of the SDGs and the post 2015 development agenda”
CLIMATE JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS

Focus on food security, nutrition, health and gender

“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food.”

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
(U.N. 1948)

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Future work of the UNSCN on NutCC

• Maintain network and collaboration with countries, UN agencies, NGOs, etc. to strengthen the capacity of the nutrition community for climate action at national level and within the UNFCCC framework.

• Further sensitize UNFCCC parties, observers, the nutrition community and donors on the need to address nutrition in view of climate change and variability.

• Promote synergies with global food and nutrition security initiatives to mobilize resources to address nutrition within the UNFCCC work and the post 2015 development agenda.
Thanks!