QUESTIONNAIRE ON FOOD PRICE FORMATION

1- Survey of activities in food price formation, transparency and monitoring along the food chain.

I. Are price formation, transmission and transparency issues along the food chain important and if so for which stakeholders and why?

II. What are the three most important issues with respect to food prices that have raised concern over the recent period?

III. Have you undertaken any institutional initiatives in recent years to improve your understanding of impacts of price formation, transmission and transparency on stakeholders in the food chain? Do these involve more than one ministry or units in a ministry, and if so which? These should include new working groups, new statistical units and special government offices and how they are administratively set up and operate. Any cross department activities in this area would be of particular interest.

IV. Are there non-governmental institutions which are involved in the same activities? Please include trade unions, co-operatives, consumer groups or business associations

V. Please describe briefly statistical and analytical activities undertaken on a regular or ad hoc basis. Please include special studies and research projects,

2- Questionnaire on the role of institutions in providing food price formation data and analysis.

NB: If you answer positively to question 1, please answer question 2 to 6. If not, please answer question 7. Answer questions 8 and 9 in all circumstances.

1. Is there a monitoring entity of food prices, food price transmission or/and of contractual arrangements along the chain in your country? What is its name? When was it established?

2. What is the rationale behind the existence of this monitoring entity? What does it add to what was done in the past on food prices in your country?

3. Can you identify three key objectives of this institutional initiative? Have they been reached? Did you set up an assessment’s process? Can you describe experiences that were not as successful?

4. Who are the “clients” of this monitoring entity: government, specific stakeholders along the chain, consumers? How do they use the tool to your knowledge?

5. What is the cost of getting this monitoring entity up and running in terms of:
   o Involvement of ministries, statistical offices, stakeholders along the chain
   o Financial implications for its regular functioning

6. What is the future planned for this entity?
7. If you don’t have such a monitoring entity, are food prices at different levels of the chain available publicly? Is food price transmission / transparency an important issue for your government, for consumers and for stakeholders along the chain? Is there a plan to set up a monitoring entity? Did you have one in the past and why did it stop operating?

8. What about the private sector: what is their demand for and willingness to provide greater transparency regarding price formation along the food chain according to your experience?

9. Have you identified impediments to price transmission along the food chain? Do you think that policies can help mitigating those impediments? In that context, have policy measures been taken to ensure that food markets are competitive and integrated in your country? What is your assessment of their effectiveness? Are there any policy related to relationships along the food chain in the pipeline?