

#### International Forum

Unleashing Science, Technology and Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security
With special focus on Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific

#### Developing a road map

15-17 October 2014 NH Rijnhotel Arnhem, The Netherlands

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Forum International

«Libérer la Science, la Technologie et l'innovation pour promouvoir la sécurité alimentaire et nutritionnelle

Avec, comme axe prioritaire, l'Afrique, Les Caraïbes et le Pacifique »

#### Élaborer une feuille de route

15-17 Octobre 2014

NH Rijnhotel Arnhem, The Netherlands

# Harnessing the power of higher education for global food and nutrition security



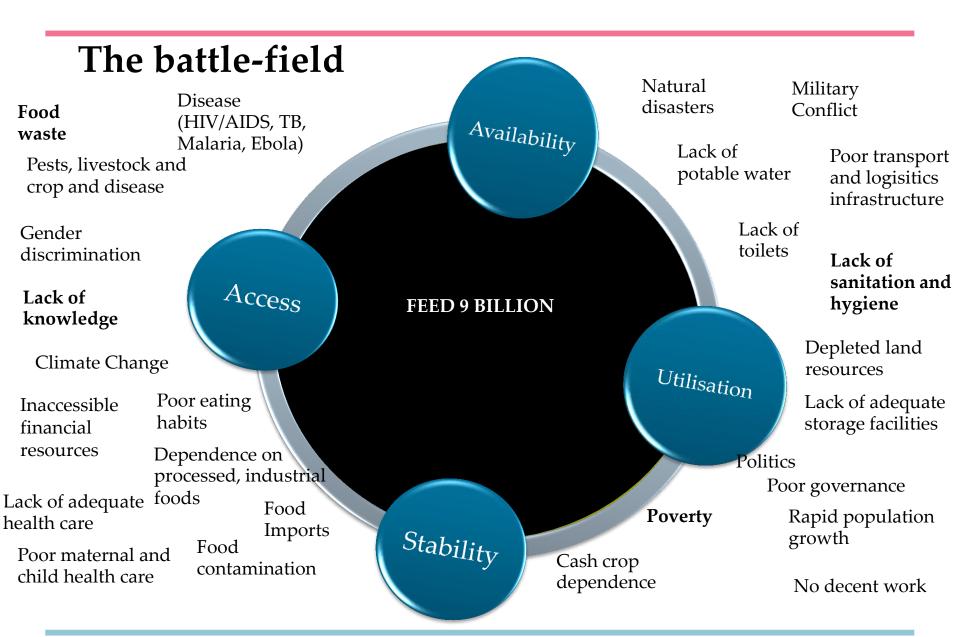
Roseanna Avento

Unleashing Science, Technology and Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security, International Forum 15-17 October 2014

## Hunger or Obesity? - Either way it looks like we're doomed!









#### Who feeds the world







### Who feeds the world





### Who feeds the world





## Finnish Higher Education Initiatives in Development Cooperation

- Mission of Universities to provide <u>higher education</u> based on <u>research</u>
- Development Cooperation
  - Capacity building
  - Curriculum development
  - Research
- Finland's Development Policy Programme
- Cooperation between higher ed institutions, international ngos and foundations



### Education- the key to the future

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him to fish and you feed him for a life-time

- Our people need training
- We need to learn new technologies, new techniques
- We do not know how to do this
- We did not realise this before















## Is education really the key to enhancing food and nutrition security?

- Agriculture is not an attractive sector for the youth.
- Investments into enhancing food security centre on industrial agriculture not on small-holder farmers
- Too many schools without teachers
- Does learning really take place?
- Brain drain
- Local ownership
- Do we speak the same language?
- Do we recognise the wealth of knowledge in our own backyards?
- Sweeping corruption under the rug
- Education can make people poorer









### Partnering out of the box









### Partnering out of the box











### Partnering out of the box









Roseanna Avento

## Education is powerful and can be a solution, but:



Sometimes teaching a man to fish is not enough...

- teach a woman, teach a teacher;
- create structures to use the knowledge taught;
  - Listen to the PEOPLE;
- Recognise what you already have, no need to reinvent the wheel;
  - Laws and policies exist-implement them
    - create your own market;
    - You decide what you eat!

Roseanna Avento



### Thank you!





roseanna.avento@uef.fi

www.uef.fi