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***“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread”***

***Mahatma Gandhi***



## *Official Press Release*

**IIMSAM urges the International Community to incorporate Spirulina in its Food Security Agenda on the World Food Day**



**(IIMSAM Headquarters, New York, 16th October 2009)** In a year, when over a billion people shall be impacted by the global food crisis and millions would be left on the threshold of death especially in the developing and the least developed countries, H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona, Director General of IIMSAM made an appeal to the international community to incorporate Spirulina in its food security agenda to deliver the Right to Food to peoples of the world and secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Spirulina that was declared as the best food for the future by the United Nations World Food Conference in the year 1974 holds tremendous potential to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge health divide.

IIMSAM through its Spirulina Initiatives that have a special priority for the developing countries not only tries to mainstream the use of the micro-algae but also establish lasting capacities and capabilities at the grassroots that initiate a self-sustainable empowerment process.

### **IIMSAM's Initiatives in the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of India**



In 2009, IIMSAM established its Spirulina Knowledge Centre in the Republic of India along with its Official Working Partner and Technology Facilitator, Hash Biotech Labs Private Limited that shall explore various scientific and practical facets of Spirulina for the benefit of the humankind. The very knowledge centre shall also train the scientists from various developing countries that shall be recommended by IIMSAM in the state of the art scientific cultivation of Spirulina. This was followed by the establishment of the IIMSAM Dar al-Muamineen Centre in the Republic of Kenya after the country declared a National Food Emergency. The centre cultivates Spirulina locally where it is used to eradicate malnutrition and counter various pathologies associated with it amongst the local population. The very initiative also generates local employment while establishing lasting capacities and capabilities.



**IIMSAM Director General H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona stated-** *The year 2009 witnessed not only the humankind being thrown into the clutches of malnutrition and hunger by the global food crisis but also the loss of famous agronomist and Nobel laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug- the progenitor of the Green Revolution.*

*To fulfill its commitments and deliver the Right to Food and quality Nutrition to the peoples of the world, it is imperative that the international community incorporates Spirulina in its food security agenda at the earliest. It is high time that the governments of the world initiate the **21st Century Green Revolution** by declaring Spirulina as a strategic crop and a key-driver to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide in order to secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.*