



Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition

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IIMSAM reiterates its commitment to make Spirulina a key-driver to achieve Global Food Security on the World Food Day



[UN Headquarters, New York, 15th October 2007] To highlight the Right to Food, the international community would celebrate the World Food Day on Tuesday, 16th of October, 2007. Using the occasion of the World Food Day to remind the Member States of the promises it made to the peoples of the world, the Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition (IIMSAM) reiterated its stand to make Spirulina a key-driver to achieve global food security and bridge the health divide.

To realise a world free of hunger and malnutrition where all members of the human family have access to safe and nutritious food, IIMSAM is engaged in incessant multi-level endeavour to provide policy and practical solutions with a specific focus on the Developing and the Least Developed Countries that diminish hunger and malnutrition. Micro-algae Spirulina has a significant potential to bring in global food security and achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals by its inclusion in appropriate local, national, and international public policies that are essential to achieving sustainable food security and nutritional improvement. IIMSAM's initiatives that facilitate positive change aim to be critical inputs into the process of raising the quality of the debate and formulating sound and appropriate food policies that stress on holistic nutrition.

IIMSAM's Spirulina initiatives and affirmative action programmes that would actuate in the year 2008 place a high priority on activities that benefit the greatest number of poor people in greatest need with a special focus on vulnerable groups such as the women and the girl child.

IIMSAM's Director-General H.E. Remigio Maradona used the opportunity to make an appeal to the Member States and stated- " Much time has elapsed since the Rome Declaration in 1996, when the international community affirmed the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger, and to have access to safe and nutritious food. Today, when to a significant population of the world the ambition is still a distant dream, there is an urgent need to bring in systems and processes that act as a catalyst to deliver social benefits. I see Spirulina whose inherent potential to counter malnutrition has been recognised by the scientific community and institutions such as the WHO among others, a tool of deliverance from malnutrition and hunger; and urge the stakeholders involved in the food security agenda to include Spirulina as a viable option to secure the same."