

Preventing recurring food crises

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Three years after the 2007-08 food crisis, the food security of the poor is again under threat as the prices of basic food items skyrocket. Expanding bio-fuel production, rising oil prices, U.S. dollar depreciation, export restrictions, and panic purchasing are again driving up the price of food.

Director General Shenggen Fan and colleagues at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) call for decisive action in response to this situation. The Development Policy Centre has invited Dr Fan to discuss a recent IFPRI policy brief in which he recommends the urgent implementation of initiatives including: bio-fuel policy reform; accelerated establishment of social safety nets and a global, physical grain reserve.



Shenggen Fan is the Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington D.C. IFPRI seeks sustainable policy solutions for ending hunger and poverty and is one of 15 centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), an alliance of 64 governments, private foundations, and international and regional organisations.

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