



## **“Sahelian women can feed the Sahel”**

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During the Rome summit organized by FAO in June 2008, the Heads of States and 180 country representatives all pledged with one voice to “*reduce hunger and ensure food for all, today and tomorrow*”.

In this advocacy documentary, Afrique Verte points out a gap between those intentions and local realities. This movie also shows that there are solutions to reach for food security and sovereignty in the Sahel. But statements must be supported by concrete commitments.

***Afrique Verte wonders : should Sahel countries produce more, or should they transform local cereals to meet with the urban consumer’s growing demand on food ready for use?***

**In conclusion, to achieve food security and sovereignty in the Sahel:**

*“We urge policy makers to take the required steps to support local businesses,*

*We ask that states encourage financial organisations to review their terms to facilitate credit admittance for women groups specialized in food processing,*

*We ask the States to reduce taxes on specific equipment, essential to improve food processing,*

*We call for a revision of national laboratories taxation to ensure consumers safety,*

*We call on States to provide food processors with packages meeting food standards,*

*We ask development partners to facilitate the creation of facilities for conservation and storage,*

*We call on donors to provide multi-national funding to answer this regional matter...”*

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