

www.ifdc.org

IFDC Looks Forward... Our 5-Year Strategy at a Glance

IFDC has developed a new 5-year strategy to better address the global food crisis and the factors that have caused it: rising energy and production costs, population growth, new demand for biofuels, and drought. Ironically, income growth, which has increased meat consumption in emerging economies, is also a factor.

Today's heightened global commitment to food security, poverty alleviation, and agriculture also offers new opportunities for IFDC to have large-scale impact. The new strategy sets forth IFDC's vision of how to best meet new challenges and fulfill our original mandate of focusing on fertilizer issues to improve food security.

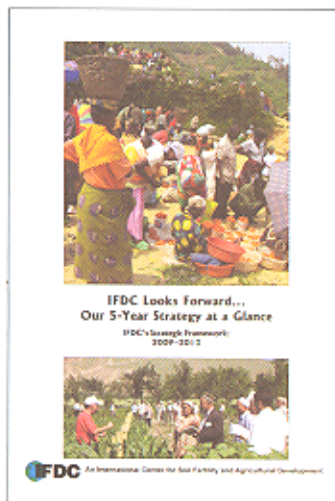
The new brochure "IFDC Looks Forward..." describes IFDC's Strategic Framework for 2009–2013. The Framework outlines IFDC's approach to research and development and improving efficiency and productivity across the agricultural value chain.

The Framework describes programs to improve the *efficiency and productivity* of:

- Key inputs, including nutrients, fertilizer products, and water.
- Markets for both inputs and outputs.

The Framework also introduces three IFDC *initiatives*:

- Nitrogen Efficiency Initiative.
- Phosphate Efficiency Initiative.
- Africa Productivity Initiative.



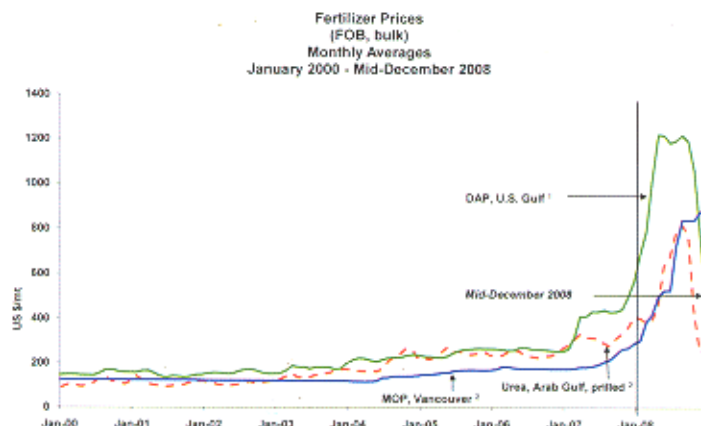
DC Strategic Framework brochure can be ordered—
from www.ifdc.org.

World Fertilizer Prices Drop Dramatically After Soaring to All- Time Highs

World fertilizer prices began dropping dramatically in late 2008 after reaching all-time highs around April.

The price of urea, the world's most common nitrogen fertilizer, rose from about \$280 to \$405 per ton in 2007 and reached \$452 in April 2008. The price then soared to \$815

(continued on page 2)



In This Issue

IFDC Looks Forward...Our 5-Year Strategy at a Glance	1
World Fertilizer Prices Drop Dramatically After Soaring to All-Time Highs	1
Urea Tanks on Diesel Trucks—That's the Law in the United States Starting in 2010	2
AGRA and IFDC Launch Agro-Dealer Program in Nigeria	4
Cocoa Arabopop Association Makes Ghanaian Farmers "Part of the Winning Team"	5
Retired Board Member Ruth Oniang'o Says "IFDC's Future Is Already Here"	6
Agrometeorologist Raji Reddy Visits IFDC, Validates Decision Support System for Rice and Maize	7
KAED Helps Supply Improved Wheat Seeds to Kyrgyz Farmers	8
IFDC 2009 Training Programs	9
Lomé Conference Explores Solutions to High Fertilizer Prices in West Africa	10
Africa Division Holds Staff Retreat in Ghana	11