



### *The month's figure ...*



#### **The food sector represents 30% of the worldwide energy consumption!**

This is the figure given by the UNO to illustrate the need to set in place responsible consumption and production patterns – one of the 17 « Sustainable Development Goals » set in the « Sustainable Development for 2030 Agenda » – adopted by the world leaders at the United Nations Summit in September 2015. Overconsumption, food waste, soil degradation, excessive use of water, overfishing, intensive farming and the deterioration of the seas and oceans are so many factors that are causing the natural resources to dwindle and contributing to an increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, celebrated on 5 June last, the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, called upon the international community to consume in moderation in order to preserve the planet. « Mankind continues to consume far more natural resources than the planet can sustainably supply. Many ecosystems are dangerously approaching the point of non-return. It is time for us to change ». The head of UNO recalled that the goal of sustainable development is to offer us all a better quality of life without further damaging the environment or compromising the resource needs of future generations. « We can attain this goal if we change our patterns of consumption by giving preference to goods that use much less energy, water and other resources, and if we waste less food », he further added.

Find all this information on the UNO's dedicated website « Sustainable Development Goals»: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/fr/>