

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: International Food Security Assessment

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,) SOR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: The ERS IFSA model uses the food gap as an indicator of the intensity of food insecurity in 76 low- and middle-income countries. The goal of this report is to use this indicator, combined with projected income growth and international prices for major grains, to predict international food security levels through 2029. Based on these measures, the food insecure population for these regions is projected to decrease from 19.3 to 9.2-percent in the next ten years.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers  
[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 6/7/2019 Completed: XX/XX/19 Withdrawn: XX/XX/19

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [x] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No