Supporting & financing climate-resilient food systems actions in the Near East & North Africa region

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Food insecurity, water scarcity & agroecological impacts are major climate risks in the region

- 94% of NENA countries reference water stress as a climate-related slow onset event
- 86% include water resources as a priority area for adaptation
- 81% report food insecurity and malnutrition as a climate-related risk
- 94% of NENA countries report climate-related impacts in agro-ecosystems
- References to cascading impacts of flood & drought on ecosystems goods & services for food & ag, leading to losses of rural livelihoods & increased poverty, inequality

Source: FAO, 2022. Regional analysis of the nationally determined contributions in the Near East and North Africa

Support for scaling up climate-smart agricultural solutions & enabling environment in the NENA region

- Scaling up CSA solutions & readiness
  - FAO-GEF and GCF support for climate-resilient agriculture in Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Sudan, Jordan, Syria, Palestine, Yemen, Oman
  - Halting biodiversity loss, promote sustainable land management & nature-based solutions
  - Anticipatory action, DRR; resilient value chains
- Strengthening water resources management
  - Promote efficient water allocation, valuation systems; supporting institutions
  - Water Scarcity Initiative Phase II
- Capacity development & documenting climate-smart solutions
  - Towards climate-smart agriculture in Egypt (2022)
  - FAO E-learning tools on climate-smart agriculture in Arabic (FR, EN)
  - Regional Pre-COP, CSA, NAP for Agriculture training
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The Partnership was developed to implement activities and achieve the objectives of the FAST Initiative, which was launched by the COP27 Presidency in 2022 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

What is the goal of FAST?

Agrifood systems are increasingly vulnerable to climate change, while producing up to 37 percent of the global greenhouse gas emissions.

Climate finance to agrifood systems is not going in the right direction.

Concrete actions are needed to reverse this trend, and make agrifood systems more sustainable, resilient and productive, while protecting the environment.
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