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Social Justice and Food Security:

The Right to Food Justice in the Arab Region



Virtual
Meeting

Wednesday 20 October 2021
14.00-16.30 Beirut time (UTC +3)

Agenda

OPENING SESSION: SETTING THE STAGE

14.00-14.25

Opening Remarks

- **Commitments of the Arab Region during the Food Systems Summit: Dialogue Outcomes** (5 min)
Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA
- **Food Security, Climate Change and Social Justice**
Mr. Nadim Farjallah, Director of Climate Change and the Environment Program, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI)
- **Social Justice in the Arab Region: Dimensions and Challenges** (5 min)
Mr. Oussama Sifa, Chief, Social Justice Section, ESCWA
- **The Dual relationship: Linking Food Security and Social Justice** (10 min)
Keynote Speaker (TBD)

SESSION I: GLOBAL ISSUES: LINKING FOOD SECURITY TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Session Moderator (5 min)

14.25-14.50

This session will seek to identify the link between food security and social justice and provide feedback on measures taken internationally to ensure social justice and food security. It aims at identifying an adequate policy mix for mainstreaming the principles of social justice into food security policies, taking into consideration the outputs of the Food Summit. The session will also offer guidance on strengthening inclusive and sustainable food systems, and on leveraging the roles of the different stakeholders to guarantee equitable access to food for all and mitigate against future shocks.



Global View (20 min)

- ◆ How did the pandemic affect the link between Food Security and Social Justice? (5min)
- ◆ What short and long terms measure need to be taken by governments to ensure the right in accessing healthy and nutritious food for all? (5 min)
- ◆ What types of collaborations and partnerships are required to promote the principles of Social Justice into Food Security policies? (5 min)
- ◆ How can the Arab region benefit from international experiences in mainstreaming the principles of Social Justice into Food Security policies? (5 min)

14.50-15.20 Discussion: Question and Answer

SESSION II: ENSURING HEALTHY, AND SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO FOOD UNDER DIFFERENT STRESSORS IN THE ARAB REGION

Session Moderator (5 min)

- 15.20-15.45** This session will be dedicated to proposing viable and sustainable solutions for advancing inclusive food chains and equitable livelihoods under different stressors (COVID-19 pandemic, conflicts, and climate change) in the Arab region. The session will also discuss the strategies that will allow Arab women to deal with the aftermath of the pandemic and ensure their access to healthy and nutritious food. Moreover, the role of agricultural cooperatives as vehicles for ensuring food security and social justice will also be considered.

Regional and National Perspectives (20 min)

- ◆ How can governments ensure that policies enhancing access to sufficient and nutritious food are implemented at local and national level especially in protracted conflict situations? (5 min)
- ◆ What can countries do to promote Social Justice and Food Security within the context of climate change? (5 min)
- ◆ What strategies are needed to empower women to cope with pandemics and their aftermath in terms of access to healthy and nutritious food? (5 min)
- ◆ What is the role of agricultural cooperatives in promoting Food Security and Social Justice win view of the multiple challenges facing the Arab region? (5 min)

15.45-16.15 Discussion: Question and Answer

CONCLUDING SESSION

16.15-16.30 Distilling recommendations as a follow-up to the Food Summit



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