Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Third Consultative Meeting on Food Security Assessment and Monitoring in the Arab Region
Le Commodore Hotel, Beirut, 27-28 March 2018

Draft Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 27 March 2018

09:30 – 10:30 Opening Session

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, Food and Environment Policies Section (FEPS), Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

- Welcoming remarks
  - Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)  
    Mr. AlHajj Attiah AlHabib AlMansour, Agricultural Expert and Director of Technical Programmes Department
  - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations  
    Carlo Cafiero, Project Manager, FAO Rome
  - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)  
    Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Officer in Charge, FEPS, Sustainable Development Policies Division

- Tour de table
- Organization of work and review of the agenda

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 First Session: Promoting Food and Water Security in the Arab Region
Moderator:  Mr. Carlo Cafiero, Project manager, FAO Rome

- Overview of ESCWA’s project on “Promoting Food and Water Security Through Cooperation and Capacity Development in the Arab Region”, with a focus on component 4.  
  Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, ESCWA
- Monitoring of food security in the Arab region: Overview of the proceedings, recommendations, and conclusions of the first and second consultative meetings on food security assessment and monitoring in the Arab region.  
  Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Officer in Charge, FEPS, ESCWA
• Presentation of the draft monitoring framework: overview, rationale, and methodology. 
  Mr. Rami Zreik, ESCWA Consultant, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, AUB
• General discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 Second Session: Data availability and reliability, caveats and limitations
  Moderator: Mr. Khalid Abu Ismail, Chief, Economic Development and Poverty Section, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA

• Data availability limitations in the Arab countries
  Mr. Nathan Reece, Statistics Division, ESCWA
• Data availability, acquisition and verification, at the regional/global level
  Mr. Carlo Cafiero, Project manager, FAO Rome
• Interventions and reactions from representatives of National Statistical Bureaus
• General discussions

Day 2: Wednesday, 28 March 2018

9:00 – 11:00 Fourth Session: Development of monitoring framework and expected outcome: from national matrices, to dashboards, to policies (P1)*
  Moderator: Mr. AlHajj Attiah AlHabib AlMansour, Agricultural Expert and Director of Technical Programmes Department, AOAD

• Refresher of first day discussions
  Mr. Rami Zreik, ESCWA Consultant, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, AUB
• Linking countries’ matrices to their dashboards and presentation of first group of countries’ draft dashboards (Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia, Sudan, and Iraq)
• Interventions from national focal points
• General Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

* Although the conducted research and analysis cover the 22 Arab countries, presentation will only be on the countries represented at the meeting. Arabic alphabetical order is followed.
11:30 – 13:00 Fourth Session: Development of monitoring framework and expected outcome (P2)

Moderator: Mr. AlHajj Attiah AlHabib AlMansour, Agricultural Expert and Director of Technical Programmes Department, AOAD

- Linking countries’ matrices to their dashboards and presentation of second group of countries’ dashboards (Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Mauritania, and Yemen)
  Mr. Rami Zreik, ESCWA Consultant, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, AUB
- Interventions from national focal points
- General Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:30 Way forward towards institutionalizing the monitoring framework

Moderator: Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Officer in Charge, FEPS, ESCWA

Topics to be discussed:
- Vetting of the draft framework by national focal points
- Institutional setup and way forward
  AOAD (TBD)
- Taking the draft framework from the conceptual stage to the political level
  AOAD (TBD)
- Interventions from national focal points
- Wrap up of the meeting