Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
The First Meeting of Arab-GAP Stakeholders for Jordan
Held under the patronage of His Excellency, Engineer Khaled Hneifat, Minister of Agriculture of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

13-14 February 2017
Kempinski Hotel, Amman

Provisional agenda

Day 1: Monday 13 February 2017

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Opening Session

Master of Ceremony: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)

- Welcoming notes:
  - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
    Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division
  - Ministry of Agriculture of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
    His Excellency, Eng. Khaled Hneifat, Minister of Agriculture

- Tour de table
- GAP & 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Organization of Work and Review of the Agenda
  Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA
10:00 – 11:00 First Session: GAPs: Introduction and regional & global perspective

**Moderator:** Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

- Brief Overview on the Project and Objective and Progress on Component 3
  *Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, ESCWA*
- **Introduction to GAPs and Experience from SAARC countries: Introduction and Initiation**
  *Ms. Shashi Sareen, Advisor on Food Safety*
- **GLOBALG.A.P.: Overview and functioning of NTWGs**
  *Ms. Manal Saleh, General Director, BlueMoon Inc.*
- General Discussions

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 14:00 Second Session: National Experiences and Regional Way Forward

**Moderator:** Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

- **GAPs at the national level: Lebanon**
  *Ms. Nadine Abdel Khalek, Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon*
- **GAPs at the national level: Jordan**
  *Dr. Salah Al-Tarawna, Assistant Secretary General for Marketing and Information, MoA*
  *Eng. Tamara Katarna, Director of Certification Department, Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization (JISM)*
  *Eng. Mohammad Abou Hmour, Jordan Exporters and Producers Association for Fruit and Vegetables (JEPA)*
  *Eng. Tamam Al Khawalda, Head of Organic Division, Plant Production directorate; MoA*
- **Arab-GAP: General overview**
  *Dr. Muin Qaryouti, Assistant Director of the National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension (NCARE), Jordan*
- **Arab-GAP: Way forward (Proposed Arab-GAP structure and implementation plan)**
  *Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA*
- General Discussions

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 – 16:30 Third Session: Group Discussions on the following topics:

- Enhancing food safety at local level: Role of farmers & retailers
- Ensuring linkage between farmers and retailers(potential structural setup)

16:30 – 17:00 Wrap-up of day 1

*Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*
Day 2: Tuesday 14 February 2017

9:30 – 11:00 Fourth Session: Stakeholders Perspective

Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

- Outcome of Group Work
- Discussions
- Institutional Setup of National GAP Schemes in South Asian Countries
  Ms. Shashi Sareen, Advisor on Food Safety
- Farmers’ Views (1 Representative from Jordan & 1 Representative from Lebanon)
- Retailers’, Unions’, and Civil Society’s Views (1 Representative from Jordan & 1 Representative from Lebanon)
- Discussions

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Fifth Session: Overview of Updated Arab-GAP Key Compliance Criteria

Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA

13:00 – 14:30 Sixth Session: Recommendations, Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

Mr. Jamal Al-Batsh, Secretary General Assistant for Plant Wealth, MoA, Jordan
Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA
Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

14:30 – 15:30 Lunch

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