Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Under the patronage of His Excellency, Mr. Ghazi Zeaiter, Minister of Agriculture of the Lebanese Republic
The First Meeting of Arab-GAP Stakeholders for Lebanon

16-17 February 2017
UN-House, Beirut, Lebanon

Meeting agenda

Day 1: Thursday 16 February 2017

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 Opening Session

Master of Ceremony: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)

- Welcoming notes:
  - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
    Dr. Khawla Mattar, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme Support
  - Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon
    His Excellency, Mr. Ghazi Zeaiter, Minister of Agriculture of the Lebanese Republic

- 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

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 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
GLOBALG.A.P.: Overview and functioning of NTWGs
Ms. Manal Saleh, General Director, BlueMoon Inc.

Introduction to GAPs and Experience from South Asian countries: Introduction and Initiation
Ms. Shashi Sareen, Advisor on Food Safety

General Discussions

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 Second Session: National Experiences

Moderator: Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, ESCWA

• GAPs at the national level: Lebanon
  Ms. Nadine Abdel Khalek, Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon
  Mr. Ramzi Abdul Fattah, EMKAN
  Mr. Bashar Berro, Lebanese Royal Farms
  Ms. Rosine Habchi, Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon
  Mr. Abdallah Hanna, Farmers representative

• GAPs at the national level: Jordan
  Mr. Jamal Al Batsh, Secretary General Assistant for Plant Wealth, Ministry of Agriculture in Jordan

• GAP: Way forward (Proposed National GAP structure)
  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 subjects:

- Benefits of developing national GAP to governments, farmers, retailers, and consumers
- Proposed structure in terms of governing body and a technical committee including roles and responsibilities, and composition of each

16:30 – 17:00 Wrap-up of day 1
  Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA
9:30 – 11:15 **Fourth Session: Stakeholders Perspective**

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

- Outcome of group work
- **Perspective of the Lebanese Ministry of Economy and Trade (MoET)**  
  *Ms. Rafif Berro, UNDP Project Manager, MoET*
- **Institutional Setup of National GAP Schemes in South Asian Countries**  
  *Ms. Shashi Sareen, Advisor on Food Safety*
- Intervention from farmers
- Intervention from retailers, unions, and NGOs
- Discussions

11:15 – 12:30 **Coffee break**

12:30 – 14:00 **Fifth Session: Group discussions on developing an action plan for GAP in Lebanon**

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

- **Implementation work plan for GAP in South Asian countries**  
  *Ms. Shashi Sareen, Advisor on Food Safety*
- **Key areas for a national action plan**  
  *Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA*
- Group discussions

14:00 – 15:00 **Lunch break**

15:00 – 16:00 **Sixth Session: Recommendations, Closing Remarks, and Wrap-up**

*Moderator:* Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

- **Presentation on group discussions**
- **Closing remarks:**
  *Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Section, ESCWA*
  *Ms. Nadine Abdel Khalek, Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon*
  *Mr. Jamal Al Batsh, Secretary General Assistant for Plant Wealth, Ministry of Agriculture in Jordan*