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 Regional Meeting on Promoting Food and Water Security in the Arab Region
 Kempinski Hotel, Amman, Jordan, 27-28 November 2019

Draft Agenda

<i>Wednesday, 27 November 2019</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Djamelinne Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development Department, League of Arab States (LAS) - Mr. Peter Lundberg, Head of Regional Development Cooperation, MENA, Embassy of Sweden, Amman, Jordan - Mr. Ahmed Abdulwali Ali Al-Samawi, Representative of Executive Director, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD) - Mr. Ihab Jnad, Representative of Director General, Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands (ACSAD) - Mr. Serge Naccouzi, Deputy Regional Representative, Regional Office for the Near East, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-RNE) - Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division (SDPD), ESCWA <p>Project Overview</p>
10:00 – 11:30	<p>SESSION 1: TOOLS FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING: ARAB MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR FOOD SECURITY</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Waleed Zubari, Professor of Water Resources, Water Resources Management Program, Arabian Gulf University (AGU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why Do We Need an Arab Monitoring Framework, and How Did We Go About It? <i>Mr. Rami Zurayk, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, American University of Beirut (AUB)</i> - Regional Tracking of Food security <i>Mr. Ali Eissa, Supervisor of Agricultural Integration & Food Security Department, AOAD</i> - -Support of Statistics Bureaus for the Arab Monitoring Framework <i>Mr. Hedi Saidi, Director-General, Arab Institute for Training and Statistical Research</i> - Applying the Arab Monitoring Framework at the Regional and Sub Regional Levels <i>Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA</i> - Applying Arab Monitoring Framework at the National Level <i>Mr. Kamil Hamati, PhD Researcher, University of Geneva</i> <p>National interventions on implications towards policy formulation and Discussion</p>

11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	<p><u>SESSION 2: TOOLS FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING: ASSESSING IMPACT OF CLIMATE ON CROP PRODUCTIVITY</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Louis Lahoud, Director General, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AquaCrop, a tool for assessing crop productivity <i>Mr. Ihab Jnad, Head, Water Resources Department, ACSAD</i> - From Tool Results to Policy Recommendations <i>Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Advisor, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, League of Arab States</i> - Prospects for a Regional Network of AquaCrop Practitioners <i>Mr. Pasquale Steduto, Senior Expert on Water and Climate Change issues</i> - Climate Change Impact on Food and Water Security. <i>Mr. Nadim Farajalla, Program Director, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut</i> <p>National Interventions on implications towards policy formulation and Discussion</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:45	<p><u>SESSION 3: FOOD SECURITY WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Nisreen Ellahham, Regional Advisor, WEF Nexus Programme in the MENA Region, GIZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Security in The Arab Region: A Follow Up to The Arab Horizon 2030 <i>Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA</i> - A Regional Perspective on Food Security and Climate Change From FAO <i>Ms. Tamara Nanitashvili, Nutrition and Food Systems Officer, FAO/RNE</i> - Simulated Effects of Price and Trade on Food Security Under Climate Change <i>Mr. Rene Araujo Enciso, Economist, Trade and Markets Division, UN FAO</i> - Food Security and Trade Under Climate Change in The Arab Region: Early Results <i>Mr. Mahmut Tekce Professor, Department of Economics, Marmara University</i> - Climate Negotiations Agenda and Agriculture Sector <i>Mr. Mohammed Ramadan, Director of Trade and Environment Department, Central WTO Department, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt</i> - Climate Change Impact on Livelihoods <i>Ms. Maha Moussa, Director, Watershed and Development Initiative (WADI), Jordan</i> <p>Discussion</p>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	<p><u>SESSION 4: FOOD SECURITY THROUGH THE LENS OF ARAB YOUTH</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PANEL DISCUSSION</p>

Thursday, 28 November 2019

09:30 – 11:00	<p><u>SESSION 5: HOW DO FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS WORK IN A CONFLICT CONTEXT: FIELD EXAMPLES AND MODELS ADOPTED</u></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shahira Wahbi Chief, Natural Resources Sustainability and Partnerships, LAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNHCR's Role as Facilitator Across the Humanitarian-Development Nexus <i>Ms. Anna Gaunt, Senior regional livelihoods officer, UNHCR</i> - Using an Inclusive Cluster Process to Restore Yemen Agriculture Value Chains Under Conflict - Challenges and Impacts Achieved <i>Mr. Mohammad Ilyas, Livelihoods team Leader, The Pragma Corporation</i> - Agriculture Livelihoods Under Conflict - Syria Case Study with Focus on the Role of Cooperatives <i>Mr. Hassan Katana, Expert and consultant, agricultural sector and rural & community development</i> - Framework for Action on Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises <i>Ms. Mariam Al Jaajaa, Executive Director, Arab Group for the Protection of Nature</i> - Understanding the Vulnerability of Agri-Food Systems to External Shocks- A Case Study at Micro-Level from Lebanon <i>Mr. Elias Ghadban, Regional Advisor on Food Security, ESCWA</i> <p>Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p><u>SESSION 6: CROSS SECTORAL INTERLINKAGES: REFLECTION OF FOOD SECURITY INTO WATER SECURITY</u></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Rida Shibli, Executive Secretary, Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa (AARINENA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment of Cooperation in the Arab Region <i>Ms. Julie Abouarab, Project Coordinator, ESCWA</i> - Overview of Joint Cooperation, Ministerial Declarations and Policy Decisions <i>Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Advisor, Environment, Housing and Water Resources Department, League of Arab States</i> - Cross Sectoral Issues of Concern: Water Allocation in the Arab Region <i>Mr. Theib Oweiss Consultant, Water, Land and Ecosystems, Jordan</i> - Expert perspective on National Cross Sectoral Coordination <i>Mr. Jamal EL Batch, Chairman of the International Olive Council for the Year 2008/2009, Jordan</i> <i>Mr. Mohammedamin Shahbari, Assistant Deputy, Natural Resources Department Ministry of Agriculture, Palestine</i> <i>Mr. Mohammed Alkhattab, Manager, Agricultural Planning Department; Planning sector, Ministry of Planning, Iraq</i> <p>Discussion</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30	<p><u>SESSION 7: TOWARDS REDUCING FOOD LOSS AND WASTE: GREEN TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Monia Braham, Executive Director, Resilience and Sustainability Analysis Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food Loss and Waste: Overview and Key Facts from the Arab Region <i>Ms. Lara Geadah, Economic Affairs Assistant, ESCWA</i> - A Model to End Hunger, Poverty and Save Environment <i>Mr. Moez El-Shohdi, Co-founder and CEO, the Egyptian Food Bank, Egypt</i> - Cutting Food Loss Where it Matters - Leveraging Digital Solutions for Greener Trade and Less Waste - UNECE’s Impact Initiatives <i>Ms. Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab, Head, Agricultural Standards Unit, UNECE</i> - Impact of E-commerce on Reducing the Food Waste <i>Mr. Mohammad Oqeili, Founder and Chief Executive, Ghoorcom, Jordan</i> - Food Waste in Aqaba’s Hotel Industry <i>Ms. Bushra Hattab, Acting General Manager, EDAMA Association, Jordan</i> <p>Discussion</p>
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