Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
First Consultative Meeting on Food Security Assessment and Monitoring in the Arab Region
UN House, Beirut, 11-12 April 2017

Proposed Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday 11 April 2017

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 Opening Session

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, ESCWA

- Welcoming notes:
  - League of Arab States
    - Mr. Jamal Jaballah, Director of Environment, Population and Water Resources Division
  - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
    - Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division

- Tour de table
- Organization of Work and Review of the Agenda

10:30 – 11:00 First Session: Overview on Food Security (2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and ESCWA Project on “Promoting Food and Water Security through Cooperation and Capacity Development in the Arab Region”)

- Role of Food Security in Achieving Sustainable Development
  - Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

- Brief Overview on the Project and Objective, and Progress on Component 4
  - Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, ESCWA

- General Discussions

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00 Second Session: Food Security: Stories and Challenges

**Moderator:** Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, First Economic Affairs Officer, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA

- **Food Security and Sustainable Development in the Pacific Region**  
  *Mr. Ahmed Mustafa, Expert in Sustainable Development*

- **Challenges of Generalization and Adoption of Innovation to Achieve Food Security**  
  *Mr. Marwan Owaygen, Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture and Food Security, IDRC*

- **Political and Technical Challenges Related to Food Security and its Indicators**  
  *Mr. Marwan Abi Samra, Expert in Sustainable Development*

- **General Discussions**

13:00 – 14:00 Coffee Break

14:00 – 16:30 Third Session: Food Security in the Arab Region

**Moderator:** Mr. Jamal Jaballah, Director of Environment, Population and Water Resources Division, League of Arab States (LAS)

- **Overview of Progress Made in Assessing and Analyzing Food Security in the Arab Region, and Regional Perspective on Food Security Programs and Policies**  
  *Mr. Rami Zuyrayk, ESCWA Consultant*

- **Food Security Policies Adopted in Several Arab Countries (Part I)**  
  - Palestine: Mr. Mohamad Shahbari
  - Jordan: Mr. Jamal El Batsh
  - Iraq: Mr. Mohamad El Khattab
  - Bahrain: Mr. Issam Abdel Razzak
  - Lebanon: Ms. Nadine Abdel Khalek

16:30 Wrap-up of day 1

*Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food Security and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*
9:30 – 11:30 Third Session: Food Security in the Arab Region (Con’t)

**Moderator:** Mr. Jamal Jaballah, Director of Environment, Population and Water Resources Division

- **Food Security Policies Adopted in Several Arab Countries (Part II)**
  - Sudan: Mr. Nabil Saad
  - Yemen: Mr. Abdallah Al Hafafi
  - Egypt: Mr. Mohmoud Madani
  - Tunisia: Mr. Habib El Helali
  - Morocco: Mr. Rami Zuyrayk on behalf of Ms. Fatima Al Zahraa

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30 Fourth Session: Terms of References for Food Security Monitoring at the National and the Regional Levels

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

- **Food Security Indicators in 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
  *Mr. Juraj Riecan, Director of Statistics Division, ESCWA*

- **Food Security and Poverty Nexus**
  *Mr. Khalid Abu-Ismail, Chief of Economic Development and Poverty Section, ESCWA*

- **The Food Insecurity Experience Scale: a global standard to measure household food insecurity**
  *Mr. Carlo Cafiero, Senior Statistician, Statistics Division, FAO*

- **General Discussions**

13:30 – 14:00 Coffee Break

14:30 – 16:30 Fifth Session: Suggestions of Proposed Food Security Monitoring System for the Arab Region

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

- **Food Security at the National and Regional Levels: Introduction on the Proposed Regional Food Security Monitoring System in Relation to the Implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**
  *Mr. Rami Zuyrayk, ESCWA Consultant*
• Working Groups
• Outcome of Group Work

16:30 Sixth Session: Recommendations, Wrap-up and Closing Remarks

Mr. Jamal Jaballah, Director of Environment, Population and Water Resources Division, LAS
Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA

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