



**The Near East and North Africa Region
Regional Multi-stakeholder Workshop on Food Security and Nutrition**

Amman, April 28-29, 2015

Objectives

Building on the experience of the past RNE Regional Multi-stakeholder Workshops on Food Security and Nutrition - Cairo (2011), Khartoum (2012), and Tunis (2013) - this year's workshop will focus on three main objectives:

- 1) Strengthening regional and global linkages around key food security and nutrition policy issues of relevance to the Near East and North Africa region:
 - ✓ Addressing food security and nutrition in protracted crises;
 - ✓ Promoting responsible investment in agriculture and food systems;
 - ✓ Addressing food losses and waste.
- 2) Facilitating regional multi-stakeholder partnerships and networks.
- 3) Reflecting around the outcomes of previous Workshops and discussing the way forward.

Expected outcomes

- 1) A final report capturing the main findings and action points emerging from the contributions of all stakeholders, including lessons learned for the way forward.
- 2) A list of participants and their contact details.

Participants

The workshop will gather representatives from the 20 countries in the Near East and North Africa Region (Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, occupied Palestinian territories, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen) as well as representatives from UN agencies, civil society organizations, private sector, international financial institutions, regional institutions and agricultural research institutions.





Agenda and Timetable

DAY 1

9.00-09.40

Official opening remarks

Moderator: *Nasredin HagElamin, FAO Representative to Jordan*

- *Abdessalam Ould Ahmed, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative, FAO/RNE*
- *Carlo Scaramella, Acting Regional Director, Regional Bureau for North Africa, Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, WFP*
- *Wadid Erian, Senior Advisor, Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, LAS*
- *Abla Malik Osman Malik, Agricultural Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative with a statement on behalf of Her Excellency Amira Daoud Hassan Gornass, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to FAO*
- *Her Excellency Gerda Verburg, Chair, CFS*
- *His Excellency Dr. Akef Al- Zoubi, Minister of Agriculture with a statement on behalf of His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Ensour, The Prime Minister of Jordan*

Identification of Workshop Rapporteur

9.40-09.50

Photo Session

9.50-10.15

Coffee break

10.15-12.15

Improving FSN in the Near East through Regional Collaboration and Partnership

Introduction (5'): Structure and processes of the Regional Coordination Mechanism, Thematic Working Group on FSN

Mohamed Aw-Dahir, FAO/RNE and Chair of the TWG

Chair: *Wadid Erian, LAS*

Panelists (10' each):

- Socio-economic Implications of Conflict: *Vito Intini, ESCWA*
- Population Migration, Displacements and Refugees: *Tayyar Sukru Cansizoglu, UNHCR*
- FSN Implications of Conflict on Host Nations: *Naji Haddad, Ministry of Agriculture*
- CSO Perspectives from Conflicts in the region: *Razan Zuayter, Arab Group for the Protection of Nature*
- The role of social protection in reducing vulnerability and building resilience: *Carlo Scaramella, WFP*

Feedback from participants

Background document: State of Food and Agriculture in the NENA Region





12.15-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-15.30 **Towards a framework for action for food security and nutrition in protracted crises**

Chair: *Vito Intini, ESCWA*

Introduction (5'): Outline and status of the CFS-FFA

Julius Jackson, CFS Secretariat

Panelists (10' each):

- FSN in Emergencies: *Rasmus Egendal, WFP*
- Support to FSN policies and programming: The role of Food Security Information Systems: *Suleiman Mohamed, FSIS Yemen*
- Monitoring Food Security and Nutrition: Arab Spatial Initiative, *Perrihan Al-Riffai and Clemens Breisinger, IFPRI*
- Markets and Supply Chains in Times of Conflict, Perspective of cross-border trader: *Maher Al-Mahrouq, Jordan Industry Chamber*

Feedback from participants

Latest draft of the CFS-FFA document

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

Feedback from participants

16.00-17.00

Day 1 wrap up

18:30 **Welcome reception, Kempinski Hotel**

DAY 2

9:00-10:30 **The FAO/WHO Second International Conference on Nutrition: From Commitments to Actions**

Chair: *Gerda Verburg, Chair, CFS*

Panelists (7' each):

- The outcomes of ICN2: *Fatima Hachem, FAO/RNE*
- Multisectoral interventions to address malnutrition: *Michele Doura, WFP*
- Sustainable Production and Sustainable Consumption: *Najib Saab, AFED*
- Follow-up to ICN2: The Case of Egypt: *Akila Saleh, FSIC*

Feedback from participants

ICN2 Framework for Action

ICN2 Rome Declaration on Nutrition

10.30-11.00 Coffee break





11.00-12.30 **Implementing the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems**

Chair: *Tariq Al Zadjali, Director General, AOAD*

- Brief overview of the Principles, and outcomes of the kick-start event in Rome (10'): *Elizabeth Beall, CFS Secretariat*
- Experience from Sudan (10'): *Salih Hussein, National Agricultural Investment Plan*

Discussion among participants on implementation strategies and initiatives

Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems

12.30-13.30 Lunch break

13.30–15.00 **Food Losses and Waste Reduction in the region**

Opening remarks on main findings of the CFS High Level Panel of Experts report and key policy recommendations from CFS 41 (15'): *Gerda Verburg, Chair, CFS*

Regional Strategy for FLW reduction in the Near East and North Africa, achievements since Tunis 2013: *Abdessalam Ould Ahmed, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative, FAO/RNE (15')*

Food Losses and Waste in RNE countries: Progress on the Regional Strategy (10' each):

- Experience from Morocco: *Mohamed Boughlala, Centre Régional de la Recherche Agronomique*
- Experience from Tunisia: *Amira Ben Mosbah Sfaxi, Pôle de Compétitivité de Bizerte*

Discussion among participants on implementation strategies and initiatives

High Level Panel of Experts Report + CFS 41st policy recommendations on "Food losses and waste in the context of sustainable food systems"

Reducing Food Losses and Waste in the Near East & North Africa Region

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-16.30 **Discussion and reflection on past RMSW recommendations and the way forward (Facilitated by FAO RNE and CFS Secretariat)**

Final wrap up by Workshop Rapporteur

16.30–17.00

Closing Statements

