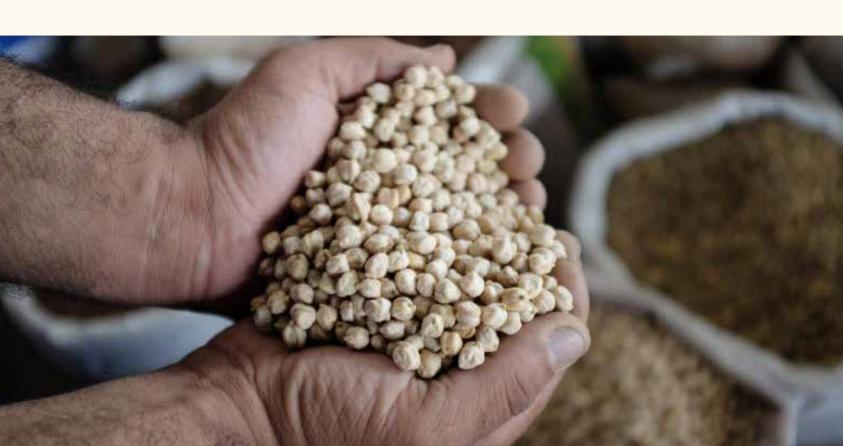
WEBINAR INVITATION

COVID-19 AND FOOD SYSTEMS IMPACT

ENGLISH/RUSSIAN

SEED SYSTEMS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19: WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA?

NOVEMBER 18TH 2020, 10:00-12:00 CET



systems around the world. Nowadays, governments, international agencies, and organizations of the UN System are taking many efforts to assess the impact and identify the response to tackle challenges of the pandemic.

The regional webinar series have already

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected food

addressed topics as food security and nutrition, small farmers, trade and markets, social protection, migrant workers, currently we are focusing on specific area: the impact on seed systems.

Crop production depends on the availability,

accessibility, and quality of seeds used. The effects of this unique situation on seed systems could not appear immediately, however for the future situation it is crucial to analyze what are the strengths of the seed system in the region and its role in

webinar, we would like to focus on the following important questions about the effects of the pandemic on seed systems, such as:

How is the seed supply chain affected?

Is there any change in the seed sources for

food insecurity situations. With the current

Is there any change in the seed sources small farmers?

How did the financial liquidity of small farmers change to buy seeds?

Are there any mechanisms or programs in place in the countries of Europe and Asia Central on seed security, which could contribute to mitigating the effects on the seed supply chain?

Which are the main risks that might threaten

the seed systems soon?
Which measures were taken by governments

to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on seed systems?

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THE WEBINAR The main objective of the Webinar is to exchange information and experiences

OBJECTIVE OF

on the impacts and risks of COVID-19 on seed systems and its possible measures to mitigate it.

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The staff and experts of national seed authorities, policymakers, national and international cooperation agencies, NGOs promoting the development of food

TARGET

AUDIENCES

systems, and other practitioners interested in a better understanding of effective seed delivery systems.



AGENDA

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STATUS OF THE RESEARCH AND BREEDING IN THE REGION
Andreas Melikyan
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FAO'S APPROACH ON SUSTAINABLE SEED SYSTEMS
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"INTERNATIONAL SEED TRADE POST COVID"

"COMMUNITY SEEDS" FARMERS PERSPECTIVE ON SEED SYSTEMS
Aida Jamangulova

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11:00 - 11:50
PANEL DISCUSSIONS
Moderator: Zsuzsanna Keresztes, FAO REU

Representatives of:

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Tajikistan North-Macedonia Kyrgyz Republic Turkey

11:50 - 12:00 CLOSING REMARKS



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