



Second Forum on Climate Change in the Near CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY



Forum Highlight
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Brief Overview of CC-related initiatives and activities by FAO



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- **Multi-disciplinary WG CC established in 2009**
- **Regional Priorities Framework includes CC among five main priority areas**
- **Two regional forums (2009 and 2011)**



(First) Forum on CC in the NENA region



- **9-10 November 2009 in FAO HQ**
- **FAO, World Bank, WFP and IFAD**
- **Objectives:**
 - ✓ Provide a platform for the exchange of information on current demand and supply with respect to investments in agriculture and rural development, within the CC framework
 - ✓ Formulate a road map for collaboration between participants, based on identified comparative advantages, to ensure mainstreaming of CC adaptation and mitigation in all agriculture and rural development programmes and projects in the Region



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- **Centered on the theme of climate change, agriculture and food security**
- **Attended by delegates, experts from within & outside the Region, regional & international organizations & donors, as well as representatives of civil society & universities**



Forum Objectives



- **Take stock of countries' knowledge & gaps**
- **Provide opportunity for exchange of experiences & information**
- **Inform country delegates about international financial mechanisms**
- **Identify specific needs for support & regional cooperation**



Forum Outputs



- **Forum declaration, called “Beirut Declaration”. Proceedings of the Forum under preparation.**
- **Forum reconfirmed that adaptation to CC is top priority in the region for broad agricultural sector & that achieving FS requires substantial efforts in adapting this sector**
- **Important recommendations for follow-up actions, including:**



Forum Outputs



- **Enhancing involvement of policy & decision-makers & their recognition of CC impacts;**
- **Developing & implementing national policies & strategies for adaptation to CC in agriculture & food security;**
- **Developing capacity in vulnerability assessment, monitoring & adaptation measures;**
- **Strengthening institutional capacity at national and regional levels;**
- **Improving water & agriculture related technologies, practices & management as well as relevant technical & scientific capacities;**



Forum Outputs



- **Expanding involvement of stakeholders & strengthening coordination at all levels, including between ministries & with stakeholders;**
- **Enhancing cooperation & exchange of experiences amongst countries of the Region; and**
- **Increasing public investment in adaptation as well as simplifying & explaining the procedures of the financial mechanisms.**



Forum Outputs



- **The Forum recommended that Member countries, FAO & other organizations launch a cooperative action plan in order to enhance national capacities in confronting the negative impacts of CC and variability on agriculture and FS in the Region**





Merci

Thank you

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