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Third Consultative Meeting on Food Security Assessment and Monitoring in the Arab Region
Le Commodore Hotel, Beirut, 27-28 March 2018

Draft Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, 27 March 2018

09:30 – 10:30 Opening Session

Master of Ceremony: *Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, Food and Environment Policies Section (FEPS), Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*

- **Welcoming remarks**
 - Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)
Mr. AlHajj Attiah AlHabib AlMansour, Agricultural Expert and Director of Technical Programmes Department
 - Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations
Carlo Cafiero, Project Manager, FAO Rome
 - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Officer in Charge, FEPS, Sustainable Development Policies Division
- **Tour de table**
- **Organization of work and review of the agenda**

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 First Session: Promoting Food and Water Security in the Arab Region

Moderator: *Mr. Carlo Cafiero, Project manager, FAO Rome*

- **Overview of ESCWA’s project on “Promoting Food and Water Security Through Cooperation and Capacity Development in the Arab Region”, with a focus on component 4.**
Ms. Mona Fattah, Associate Coordination Officer, ESCWA
- **Monitoring of food security in the Arab region:** Overview of the proceedings, recommendations, and conclusions of the first and second consultative meetings on food security assessment and monitoring in the Arab region.
Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Officer in Charge, FEPS, ESCWA

- **Presentation of the draft monitoring framework: overview, rationale, and methodology.**
Mr. Rami Zreik, ESCWA Consultant, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, AUB
- **General discussions**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00 Second Session: Data availability and reliability, caveats and limitations

Moderator: *Mr. Khalid Abu Ismail, Chief, Economic Development and Poverty Section, Economic Development and Integration Division, ESCWA*

- **Data availability limitations in the Arab countries**
Mr. Nathan Reece, Statistics Division, ESCWA
- **Data availability, acquisition and verification, at the regional/global level**
Mr. Carlo Cafiero, Project manager, FAO Rome
- **Interventions and reactions from representatives of National Statistical Bureaus**
- **General discussions**

Day 2: Wednesday, 28 March 2018

9:00 – 11:00 Fourth Session: Development of monitoring framework and expected outcome: from national matrices, to dashboards, to policies (P1)*

Moderator: *Mr. AlHajj Attiah AlHabib AlMansour, Agricultural Expert and Director of Technical Programmes Department, AOAD*

- **Refresher of first day discussions**
Mr. Rami Zreik, ESCWA Consultant, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, AUB
- **Linking countries' matrices to their dashboards and presentation of first group of countries' draft dashboards** (Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia, Sudan, and Iraq)
- **Interventions from national focal points**
- **General Discussion**

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

* Although the conducted research and analysis cover the 22 Arab countries, presentation will only be on the countries represented at the meeting. Arabic alphabetical order is followed.

11:30 – 13:00 Fourth Session: Development of monitoring framework and expected outcome (P2)

Moderator: *Mr. AlHajj Attiah AlHabib AlMansour, Agricultural Expert and Director of Technical Programmes Department, AOAD*

- **Linking countries' matrices to their dashboards and presentation of second group of countries' dashboards** (Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco, Mauritania, and Yemen)
Mr. Rami Zreik, ESCWA Consultant, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, AUB
- **Interventions from national focal points**
- **General Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:30 Way forward towards institutionalizing the monitoring framework

Moderator: *Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, Officer in Charge, FEPS, ESCWA*

Topics to be discussed:

- **Vetting of the draft framework by national focal points**
- **Institutional setup and way forward**
AOAD (TBD)
- **Taking the draft framework from the conceptual stage to the political level**
AOAD (TBD)
- **Interventions from national focal points**
- **Wrap up of the meeting**