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Expert Group Meeting Tracking Food Security in the Arab Region
Kempinski Hotel, Amman, Jordan, 24-25 April 2019

Agenda

Wednesday, 24 April 2019	
9:00 – 9:30	**Registration** *Concerned participants are kindly requested to bring their passport, visa stamp and airline ticket stub to the meeting.*
9:30 – 10:30	**Opening Session:** • Welcoming Remarks *Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Centre (ESCWA), Jordan,* *Mr. Elhag Attia, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), Sudan* • Tour de table • Organization of work and overview of the agenda *Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA, Lebanon* • Overview of the food security project and consultative meetings *Ms. Julie Abouarab, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA, Lebanon*
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee Break**
11:00 – 13:00	**Session I: Review of the food security monitoring framework** Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Executive Director, ESCWA Technology Centre • Food security monitoring framework *Dr Rami Zurayk, ESCWA Consultant, Lebanon, Chairperson and Professor, Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management Department, American University of Beirut, Lebanon* • Addressing country comments and revisions *Mr. Kamil Hamati, PhD Researcher and Sustainable Development Professional, University of Geneva, Switzerland* • Overview of the dashboard *Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA, Lebanon* General discussions
13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch Break**
14:00 – 16:00	**Session I Continued**

Moderator: Mr. Elhag Attia, AOAD, Sudan

- Country, sub-regional and regional dashboards,

  Dr. Rami Zurayk, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- The Food Insecurity Experience Scale

  Mr. Firas Yassin, Food Security Officer, Statistics Division (ESS), FAO, Italy

  General discussions

16:00 – 16:15

- Wrap up of the first day

Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA, Lebanon

Thursday, 25 April 2019

09:30 – 11:30 **Session II: Food security overview and using the framework**

Moderator: Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS)

- Recap of previous day

Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, ESCWA, Lebanon

- Overview of the food security situation in the Arab region

  Mr. Elhag Attia, AOAD, Sudan
- Monitoring framework guidebook

  Mr. Kamil Hamati, University of Geneva, Switzerland

  Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, ESCWA, Lebanon

  General discussions

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 14:00 **Session III: Analysis of findings on the food security status: Expert view**

Moderator: Mr. Abdul Karim Sadik, Senior Economic Adviser, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), Kuwait

- Summary of country food security analysis

  Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, ESCWA, Lebanon
- Expert discussions: Discussions would be in the form of a plenary panel discussion with experts expected to comment or make short statements around the below 3 questions:
  - What are the underlying factors affecting food security based on the dashboard?
  - How to inform policy/strategy development using the dashboard?
  - What mechanisms to collect relevant data for the dashboard at all levels?

14:00 – 15:00 **Lunch Break**

14:30 – 16:00 **Way forward and closing remarks**

- Wrap-up, key messages, and way forward*, ESCWA,*

End of meeting