

Food Systems Stocktaking Moment 2023

Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Arab Region

Beirut, 13 March 2023, 9:00 -17:30, Beirut Time

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Time	Session	Description	Speakers
9:30 -10:00	Opening (Moderator: Mr. Khaled Eltaweel)	Welcome and objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Leader of Cluster on Climate Change and Natural Resources Sustainability at ESCWA (5 min) • H.E. Mr. Abbas Hajj Hassan, Minister of Agriculture, Lebanon (5 min) • H.E. Mr. Ali Al-Malki, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, League of Arab States (TBC) (5 min) • H.E. Mr. Ibrahim El Dukheri, Director of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (via Zoom) (5 min) • Mr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director of the Food Systems Coordination Hub (via Zoom) (5 min)
10:00-11:00	Presentations and discussion (Moderator: Ms. Nora Ourabah Haddad)	Food systems transformation as SDGs accelerator	<p><i>Setting the scene: Regional food systems challenges and opportunities</i> <i>Presentation by Ms. Reem Nejdawi</i>, ESCWA and Mr. Mohamed Ahmed, FAO (10 min)</p> <p><i>Discussion on Food Systems Transformation as SDGs Accelerator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Ms. Inaya Ezzeddine, Member of the Lebanese Parliament, and Chairperson of Women and Children and SDG 2030 Agenda Parliamentary Commission (5 min) - H.E. Mr. Nasr Edin Obaid, Director General of the Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands (5 min) - Ms. Kate Newton, Deputy Regional Director (Middle East & North Africa) at the World Food Programme (5 min) - Mr. Kristopher Hamel, Head of Adaptation, Recovery and Humanitarian Response, COP28 (5 min)

11:00-11.30	Coffee Break		
11:30-13:00	Roundtable (Moderator: Mr. Khaled Eltaweel)	Country progress and expectations from the STM	National Convenors
13:00-14.00	Lunch and Networking		
14:00-15:00	Interactive discussion (Moderator: Mr. Svante Helms)	Fast-tracking and monitoring food systems transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Stefán Jón Hafstein, Chair of the Aquatic Blue Food Coalition (Via Zoom) (5 min) • H.E. Ms. Jehad Al-Fadhel, Chairperson, Parliamentary Network for Food and Nutrition in Arab World, Bahrain (Via Zoom) (5 min) • Mr. Rami Zurayk, Director of the Food Security Program, the American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon (5 min) • Mr. Tarek Hassan, Head of the Arab Youth Sustainable Development Network (5 min)
15:00-16:00	Presentations and discussion (Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi)	Financing food systems transformations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Nadine Gbossa, Director Food Systems Coordination, IFAD & Chief of Means of Implementation of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (Via Zoom) • Mr. Christopher Ian Brett, Lead Agribusiness Specialist at the World Bank (Via Zoom)
16:00-16.30	Coffee Break		
16:30-17:30	Closing Moderator: Mr. Khaled Eltaweel/ Ms. Reem Nejdawi)	Key messages, next steps and closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National convenors • Mr. Abdulhakim Elwaer, FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Near East and North Africa (Via Zoom) • Ms. Sylvia Ekra, Deputy Director of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub (Via Zoom)