



United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

National Meeting to Disseminate Findings on Food Loss in the Kingdom of Morocco
and the Way Forward
Virtual Meeting, Tuesday, 29 March 2022 (13:00-14:30 - Rabat time)

INFORMATION NOTE

I. Background

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN-FAO) estimates food loss in the West Asia and North Africa region to be at 11 percent. This number is considered relatively high given the regional attempts to end hunger; achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; and ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. Given that the Kingdom of Morocco is subject to very low rainfall levels, scarce cultivatable land capacities and high agricultural and food security risk exacerbated by the impacts of climate change, improvement in the efficiency of the food supply chain is, therefore, a pressing need.

Like most States in the Arab region, data on food loss in Morocco is extremely scarce. Therefore, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), in partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), have produced a study that tracks food loss spots and assesses its underlying causal reasons. It targets two important produce in the Kingdom of Morocco, namely wheat and dates. The study gives an insight on the causes of food loss along the wheat and dates supply chains in the Kingdom. In addition to the main study, a brief directional roadmap was developed to set the ground for the Moroccan government to develop an action plan for food loss prevention along the analyzed supply chains. UNESCWA is, therefore, organizing a virtual national meeting in this regard.

II. Objectives of the Meeting

The meeting aims at disseminating the findings of the study to national and international stakeholders who can take action to reduce food loss in wheat and dates supply chains. Attendees vary among national and international stakeholders who can positively influence food security and agricultural production in the Kingdom. Moreover, the meeting will discuss the brief directional roadmap with its

suggested strategies and how they can lead to the development of an operational action plan that is compatible with other national plans.

IV. Organizational Issues

A. Participants

The national meeting will gather representatives from the various building blocks of the supply chain, in addition to national decision makers and international key players who can positively influence food security and agricultural production in the Kingdom.

B. Date and Venue

The meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, 29 March 2022, from 13.00 -14:30, Rabat time. The meeting link shall be sent to participants two days before the meeting.

C. Language

The meeting will be conducted in Arabic language.

D. Correspondence

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