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Expert Group Meeting on the Scope and Setting up of an
Arab – Good Agricultural Practices (Arab – GAP) Framework
Cairo, Egypt, 31 May – 1 June 2016

AGENDA

Day 1 – 31 May 2016

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration FAO-RNE, Dokki, Cairo
- 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and opening remarks/statements
- FAO-RNE: *Mr. Nabil Gangi, Senior Advisor to the Regional Representative*
 - ESCWA: *Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Section*
- Tour de table
- Organization of work and review of the agenda, *Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, ESCWA*
- 09:30 – 10:45 **Session 1: Introduction and General Overview of GAPs**
Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, ESCWA
- Overview: Food safety & GAPs, *Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, ESCWA*
 - GAPs in achieving selected SDGs: Linkages, *Ms. Jana El Baba, ESCWA*
 - GAPs: A view from FAO, *Mr. Dost Muhammed, FAO-RNE*
- Q&A and General Discussions
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:45 **Session 2: Overview of Global & Regional GAPs Frameworks**
Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, ESCWA
- GAPs Frameworks in Asia and the Pacific, *Ms. Shashi Sareen, FAO-RAP (VC)*
 - GLOBALG.A.P & Blue Moon experience, *Ms. Manal Saleh, Blue Moon Ltd*
 - Adoption of GAPs through co-regulation, *Dr. Gumataw Abebe, AUB, Lebanon*
- Q&A and General Discussions
- 12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break
- 13:45 – 15:45 **Session 3: GAPs National Experiences**
Moderator: Mr. Mohammed Al-Hamdi, ESCWA
- Egypt, *Mr. Hesham Allam, MoA*
 - Jordan, *Mr. Mohammed Al-Hiary, MoA*

- Lebanon, *Ms. Maya Mhanna, MoA*
- Morocco, *Ms. Hakima Bahaddi and Mr. Salah Ritoune, ONSSA*
- Oman, *Mr. Mohammed Al-Dhahouri, MoA*
- Sudan, *Ms. Muna Ahmed, ATTAS*

Q&A and General Discussions

Wrap-up first day

Day 2 – 1 June 2016

- 09:00 – 10:45 **Session 4: Towards an Arab-GAP Framework**
Moderator: Mr. Atef Idriss, MEFOSA, Lebanon
- Scope and setting-up of the Arab-GAP, *Ms. Dima Faour-Klingbeil, Consultant*
 - Lessons from related schemes: Med Diet, *Mr. Elie Massoud, CCIABML, Lebanon*

Q&A and General Discussions

- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

- 11:00 – 13:00 **Session 5: Arab-GAPs Stakeholders and Issues**
Moderator: Ms. Manal Saleh, Blue Moon, Egypt
- Organic Farming, *Ms. Amy El-Zeiny, ECOA, Egypt*
 - Farmer Support Service, *Mr. Fazal Hamid, ADFSC, UAE*
 - Exporters, *Mr. Zuhair Jweihan, JEPA, Jordan*
 - Preventive food safety paradigms, *Mr. Atef Idriss, Lebanon*

Q&A and General Discussions

- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

- 14:00 – 15:30 **Session 6: Discussions on Way Forward**
Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi
- *Ms. Dima Faour-Klingbeil, Consultant*
 - *Ms. Manal Saleh, GlobalGAP/Blue Moon*
 - *Mr. Dost Muhammad, FAO-RNE*
 - *Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, ESCWA*

General Discussions

Wrap-up of the meeting, *Ms. Reem Nejdawi*