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Meeting of the National Focal Points for the Project on  
Promoting Food and Water Security in the Arab Region

UN House – Beirut, 5-6 October 2016

**AGENDA**

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**Day 1: Wednesday, 5 October 2016**

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9:00–9:30 **Registration**

9:30–10:30 **Opening session**

- Introductory remarks
  - *Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development Policies Division, ESCWA*
  - *Mr. Djamel Eddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States*

- Tour de table

- Organization of work and review of the agenda

- Presentation of the Food and Water Security Project: Objectives and implementation strategy  
*Ms. Jana El-Baba, Project Coordinator, ESCWA*

Discussion

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45–12:15 **Session 1 - Assessment of agriculture under climate change and water variability: Overview of progress under component I of the project**

*Moderator: Mr. Waleed Zubari, Professor of Water Resources, Arabian Gulf University*

- Scope, objectives and expected accomplishments of component I  
*Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, First Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA*
- Methodology and plan of work  
*Mr. Faycel Chenini, Water Scarcity Initiative Expert, FAO/RNE and Mr. Ihab Jnad, Head, Water Resources Department, ACSAD*

Discussion

12:15–13:45 **Session 2 - Good agricultural practices: Overview of progress under component III of the project**

*Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*

- Overview of the Arab regional experiences and achievements in adopting an Arab-GAP framework  
*Mr. Mohamed Yousri Hashem, Professor, Cairo University*
- Overview of component III, and the scope and set-up of an Arab-GAP framework  
*Mr. Fidele Byiringiro, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA*

Discussion

13:45–14:30 Break

14:30–16:00 **Session 3 - Country priorities and experiences in food security issues addressed in the project (part I)**

*Moderator: Mr. Djamel Eddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States*

- Case of Egypt  
*Mr. Mahmoud Medany, Head of the Center for Climate Change and Renewable Energy, Ministry of Agriculture, Egypt*
- Case of Iraq  
*Mr. Hussein Ali Dawood, Director General of Sectors Planning Department, and Mr. Mohammed Alkhatab, Director of Agricultural Division, Ministry of Planning, Iraq*
- Case of Jordan  
*Mr. Jamal Al-Batsh, Secretary general assistant for plant production, Ministry of Agriculture, Jordan*

Discussion

16:00 **Wrap-up of day 1**  
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*Day 2: Thursday, 6 October 2016*

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9:30–11:00 **Session 4 - Country priorities and experiences in food security issues addressed in the project (part II)**

*Moderator: Mr. Djamel Eddine Djaballah, Director, Environment, Housing, Water Resources and Sustainable Development, League of Arab States*

- Case of Morocco  
*Ms. Fatima Zahra El Miri, Head of bilateral cooperation, Directorate of strategy and statistics, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Morocco*
- Case of Palestine  
*Mr. Mohammedamin Shahbri, Assistant Deputy, Ministry of Agriculture, Palestine*
- Case of Sudan  
*Mr. Nabeel Saad, Director General for Planning and Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture, Sudan*
- Case of Mauritania  
*Mr. Abdellahi Zeyad, Director of Strategies, Cooperation and Monitoring-Evaluation, Ministry of Agriculture, Mauritania*

Discussion

11:00–11:15 Break

11:15–13:45 **Session 5 – Regional coordination between agriculture and water: Overview of progress under component II of the project**

*Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Section, ESCWA*

- Scope, objectives and expected accomplishments of component II  
*Ms. Jana El-Baba, Project Coordinator, ESCWA*
- Mapping of Arab regional water and agriculture institutions and presentation of the proposed methodology for assessing coordination between the two sectors at the regional level  
*Mr. Adel Abdel-Kader, ESCWA Consultant*
- Discussion in working groups A and B (refer to related annex)
- Reporting of working group and discussion of outcomes

13:45–14:30 Break

14:30–15:30 **Session 6 - Monitoring food security: Overview of progress under component IV of the project**

*Moderator: Mr. Khalid Alrwis, Head, Agricultural Economics Department, King Saud University*

- Approaches for monitoring food security  
*Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, First Economic Affairs Officer, ESCWA*
- Scope, objectives and expected accomplishments of component IV  
*Ms. Jana El-Baba, Project Coordinator, ESCWA*

Discussion

15:30-16:00 **Closing remarks and next steps**  
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