



Side Event on
**Informed
Decision Making
on Arab Food
Security within
the Context of
Climate Change**

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FAO HQ, Red Room
13:00-14:30



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Background

Arab region is facing an array of economic, political, and security challenges resulting in natural and environmental changes and dietary transitions. Food security remains a major developmental challenge that the region needs to address. In response, UN- ESCWA in partnership with FAO, the Arab Organization for Agriculture Development (AOAD), and the Arab Center for the Studies of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), is implementing an initiative on promoting food and water security in the Arab region with support from Sida. This initiative supports Arab countries in formulating strategies and developing plans through enhanced knowledge and development of related evidence and science.

Event Objective

The side event on “Informed decision making on Arab food security within the context of climate change” aims to highlight the tools available for decision makers to track the status of food security in the Arab Region and to assess of the impact of climate change on the agricultural sector within the framework of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related Arab strategies and initiatives.

Agenda

12:30 – 13:00 → **Registration**

13:00 – 13:20 → **Introductory Remarks**

- 👉 Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, SDPD, ESCWA;
- 👉 Mr. Ibrahim Eldukheri, Director General, AOAD.

Keynote Speech

H.E. Ms. Mariam Bint Mohamed Al Mehiri, UAE Minister of State for Food Security

13:20 – 13:35 → **Bridging the Science-Policy Gap for enhanced Food Security in the Arab Region**

- 👉 Mr. Jean-Marc Faures, Regional Programme Leader, FAO-RNE.
- 👉 Mr. Rami Zurayk, AUB, Lebanon;
- 👉 Mr. Ihab Jnad, Head of Water Resources Department, ACSAD.

13:35 – 14:30 → **Group Discussion on Informed Decision Making on Arab Food security within the context of Climate Change**

Moderator: Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, FEPS, ESCWA

Pannelists:

- 👉 Mr. Walid Zubari, Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain;
- 👉 Mr. Mohammed AlKhatab, Ministry of Planning, Iraq;
- 👉 Mr. Izzat Alajalin, Ministry of Agriculture, Jordan;
- 👉 Ms. Razan Zuayter, Arab Network for Food Sovereignty, Jordan;
- 👉 Ms. Nadine Abdul Khalek, Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon;
- 👉 Ms. Karima Mansouri, Ministry of Agriculture Maritime fisheries Rural Development and Forests, Morocco;
- 👉 Mr. Khalid Alrwis, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia;
- 👉 Mr. Nabeel Saad, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Sudan;
- 👉 Mr. Abdulwahid Mukred, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Yemen.

14:30 → **End of meeting**