

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

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