Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

EGM on Green Agricultural Value Chains for Improving Livelihoods in the Arab Region
20-21 June 2013
UN House, Beirut, Lebanon

AGENDA

Day 1 – Thursday 20 June 2013

08:30 – 09:00  Registration: UN House, Riad El Solh Square (MZ Room)

Opening Session
Moderator:  Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA

09:00 – 09:15  Welcome and Opening Statements
  •  Ms. Razan Zuayter, APN
  •  Mr. Berthold Hansmann, GIZ
  •  Mr. Nadim Khouri, ESCWA

09:15 – 09:20  Overview of the Meeting Agenda and the Productive Sectors Section’s Activities
  Ms. Reem Nejdawi, ESCWA

Session 1:  Promoting Green Agricultural Value Chains for Food Security in the Arab Region
Moderator:  Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA

09:20-09:35  Enhancing Food Security in the Arab Region
  Mr. Abdul Karim Sadik, Kuwait Fund

09:35-09:50  Arab Region in Global Food Supply Chains
  Mr. Martin Keulertz, King’s College London, UK

09:50-10:05  Water-Energy-Land Nexus Approach for Creating Opportunities to Improve Agricultural Value Chains
  Mr. Taha Ouarda, MASDAR Institute of Science and Technology, UAE

10:05-10:20  Discussants (5 minutes):
  Discussant 1:  Ms. Aziza Darghouth, National Observatory of Participatory Citizenship, Tunisia
  Discussant 2:  Ms. Mariam Al Jaajaa, APN, Jordan

10:20-11:20  General Discussions

11:20-11:35  Coffee Break
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Session 2: Agricultural Value Chains: Overview, Challenges and Case-Studies

Moderator: Ms. Razan Zuayter, APN

11:35-11:55 Presentation of the Draft Report on “Green Agricultural Value Chains for Improved Livelihoods in the Arab Region”
Mr. Fidèle Byiringiro, ESCWA

11:55-12:05 Discussant 1: Value Chains Overview and Challenges
Mr. Rami Zreik, AUB, Lebanon

12:05-12:15 Discussant 2: Value Chains Implementation at Country Level
Mr. Hasan Machlab, ICARDA, Lebanon

12:15-13:00 General Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Session 3: Framework for a Regional Initiative on Agricultural Value Chains and Breakout Group Discussions

Moderator: Mr. Mehdi Jaffaar, Environment Society of Oman

14:00 – 14:15 Framework for a Regional Initiative on Agricultural Value Chains
Ms. Reem Nejdawi, ESCWA

14:15 – 14:20 Discussant:
Mr. Berthold Hansmann, GIZ

14:20 – 14:30 General Discussions

14:30 – 15:30 Breakout Group Discussions
- Group 1: Identification of Priority Sectors
- Group 2: Major Actions for Implementation and Contribution from Stakeholders & Regional Institutions
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15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00 Group Discussions (Cont’d)

End of Day 1
Session 4: Presentation of Breakout Group Discussions and Closing Remarks

Moderators: Ms. Reem Nejdawi & Mr. Fidèle Byiringiro, ESCWA

09:00 – 10:30 Reporting by Groups (10 minutes/group)
General Discussions

10:30 – 10:45 Closing Remarks ESCWA, GIZ & APN

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break
followed by the Second Consultation Meeting of the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty (ANFS)