



Shared Prosperity Dignified Life



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

**ACTION TRACK #1:
ENSURE
ACCESS TO
SAFE AND
NUTRITIOUS
FOOD FOR ALL**



**ACTION TRACK #2:
SHIFT TO
SUSTAINABLE
CONSUMPTION
PATTERNS**



**ACTION TRACK #3:
BOOST NATURE-
POSITIVE
PRODUCTION**



**ACTION TRACK #4:
ADVANCE
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**ACTION TRACK #5:
BUILD RESILIENCE TO
VULNERABILITIES,
SHOCKS AND STRESS**



**TOWARDS THE UN FOOD
SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021**

**Arab Youth Dialogue on
Food Systems**

**11:30 am-1:00 pm
March 9, 2021**

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE TODAY?

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

- Review the facts & the challenges of the Arab food systems
- Identify what needs to be done by whom (actors) & who will be impacted the most (stakeholders)

HOW TO DO IT?

- Be creative in proposing game changing actions & solutions that are scalable, actionable & sustainable over time
- Be mindful of impacts on equity, particularly gender & geographic equity

WHY YOU?

- ✓ More than half the Arab Population is under 25 so we need your energy and innovative ideas!
- ✓ You have the right to be in control of your food system, having access to healthy and sustainable diets.
- ✓ Decisions made today will affect your future

Agenda

11:00 – 11:05	Welcoming Remarks by ESCWA and FAO (Ms. Reem Nejdawi and Mr. Jean Marc Faures)
11:05 – 11:10	Objective of dialogue and Agenda (Ms. Julie Abouarab)
11:10 – 11:20	Brief on the 2021 Food Systems Summit and Its Five Action Tracks (Mr. Jean Marc Faures)
11:20 – 12:20	BUILDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER (Ms. Maya Atie, Ms. Julie Abouarab) Interactive discussion using MURAL application, and identification of actions Issue 1: Transitioning to Healthy Food Issue 2: Advancing Equitable Livelihoods Issue 3: Optimizing Sustainable Production Issue 4: Responding to Risks
12:20 – 12:30	WRAP UP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presenting the Video on Youth and the 2021 Food Systems Summit (Ms. Dalia Abulfotuh)• Restoring degraded land in the Arab Region: A Youth Challenge (Ms. Reem Nejdawi)

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RELEVANT ISSUES

- Transitioning to Healthy Food
- Advancing Equitable Livelihoods
- Optimized Sustainable Production
- Responding to Risks

- Review facts and area for intervention
- Propose game-changing solutions and actions

- Identify pathways to accelerate progress by
- indicating actors to implement and stakeholders impacted

Transitioning to Healthy Food in the Arab Region

116 Million food insecure, 43 Million undernourished, 115 Million obese

High levels of child Stunting (22%), Wasting (8.2%) & Women Anemia (35.5%)

Key Intervention Areas

Subsidies & policies favor nutrient-poor consumption (cereals, oil & sugar)

FLW: 210 kg/capita/year, ex. 31% of cereals, 56% of fruits & vegetables

Address Obesity & Malnutrition

Reduce Food Loss & Waste

Advancing Equitable Livelihoods in the Arab Region

29% of population are poor, 70 % of poor live in rural areas

**16% work in Agriculture (as a share of total employment)
20 % women unemployment rate & 26.5 % for youth**

Key Intervention Areas

Limited access in rural areas to infrastructure & services (energy, water, finance)

Governments provide limited support to agriculture, 7% agriculture contribution to regional GDP

Promote decent work for all

Reduce inequitable access to resources

Optimized Sustainable Production in the Arab Region

Water scarcity,
renewable water
resources 600
m³/person/year (10%
of world average)

0.15 ha of arable
land/person (20% of
world average), 90% is
arid or hyper arid land

Key Intervention Areas

Soil productivity
reduced by 30-35 % of
potential productivity
(Production and breeding of
high-water consuming crops
and animals)

2/3 of farmers practice
relatively low yield,
rainfed and pastoral
agriculture

Integrated
management of
scarce resources

Increasing
productivity
with technology
& investments

Responding to Risks in the Arab Region

The region house 5% of the population of the world, but imports more than 1/3 of all global sheep meat & 63% of its consumed wheat

Increased risks due unpredictable food supply & price volatility since 4/5 region's imported calories from 5 global suppliers

Key Intervention Areas

20 million people are projected to be affected by rising sea levels and coastal seas flooding (Climate Change)

Conflict, wars and occupation forced millions to become refugees or internally displaced

Reducing vulnerabilities to import dependencies

Building resilience to risks & hazards



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