



Pre-UN Food Systems Dialogue for North Africa and Middle East

Date: 10th June 2021

Time: 1500-1930 East African Standard Time

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Co-Moderators: Zineb Aguisoul & Sara Aouad, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P)

Draft Programme

Time	Session/Topic	Responsible Person
Session 1: Opening		
1500-1510	Welcome Remarks by Session Co-Moderators	Zineb Aguisoul & Sara Aouad, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P)
1510-1520	Background to the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 and the National and Regional dialogues	Prof Adipala Ekwamu, RUFORUM Executive Secretary
1520-1530	Statement by the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development	Prof Ibrahim El-Dukheri, Director General, AOAD
1530-1540	Statement from African Union Commission	Dr Godfrey Bahiigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission (TBC)
1540-1550	Statement by the Arab League Organization	TBC (AOAD to advise)
Session 2: Situation Analysis		
1550-1605	Lead Paper 1: An Analysis of the Current Status of Food Systems in North Africa and the Middle East	Dr. Rami Zurayk, Director Food Security Program, American University of Beirut
1605-1620	Lead Paper 2: Policy Implications of the Mega Trends in Food Systems in North Africa and Middle East	Dr Clement Breisinger, Head IFPRI Country Programme in Egypt and North Africa
1620-1640	Discussion	Moderator
Session 3: Panel Discussion		
1640-1740	Lead Paper 3: Role of trade and regional integration in food security in North Africa and the Middle East countries	Speaker: Dr. Martin Keulertz, Former Director Food Security Center American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon
	Panel Discussion: Perspectives of Key Stakeholders on trends and emerging issues affecting food	1. Dr Masoud Sulaiman Abood Al-Azri, Director General of Planning, Oman



	systems in North Africa and Middle East	<p>2. Mr Abderrahman Chaffai, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia</p> <p>3. Amrani Abdelhak, Head of Studies, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Algeria</p>
Session 4: Break Out Groups: Strengthening Food Systems transformation		
1740-1840	<p>Group 1: Strengthening Food Systems Research and Innovations: What new Frontiers are needed?</p>	<p>Moderator: Rachel Bahn, American University of Beirut</p> <p>Panel Speaker 1: Dr Tahra El-Obeid, Human Nutrition Department, Qatar University: New research frontiers to strengthen/improve food systems in North Africa & Middle East</p> <p>Panel Speaker 2: Prof. Dr. Adel Khalil, Cairo University: Harnessing/Advancing renewable energy use to increase agri-food systems productivity and post-harvest management</p> <p>Panel Speaker 3: Dr Vinay Nangia, ICARDA Research Team Leader-Soils, Water and Agronomy: Addressing water scarcity and climate change and variability challenges in North Africa and the Middle East- implications for R&D</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Florence Nakayiwa, RUFORUM Secretariat</p>
	<p>Group 2: Technological arrangements for strengthening Food Systems value chains</p>	<p>Moderator: Zineb Aguisoul, UM6P, Morocco</p>



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	<p>Group 3: Institutional arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy engagement • Engagement of different actors 	<p>Moderator: Dr Norhan El Dallal, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Panel Speaker 1: Prof Ibrahim Dukheri, Director General, Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development</p> <p>Panel Speaker 2: Amina Bessaad, Deputy Director of Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Algeria</p> <p>Panel Speaker 3: Dr J. Dorra Fiani, President Knowledge Economy Foundation, Egypt</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr Ali Eisa Musa, AOAD</p>
Session 6: Feedback from break out session		
1840-1900	Group 1	Dr. Florence Nakayiwa
	Group 2	Dr. Alice Mweetwa
	Group 3	Dr Ali Eisa Musa



Session 6: Closing		
1900-1915	Wrap up of Emerging Issues and Next Steps	Dr Antony Egeru, Training and Community Development Manager, RUFORUM Secretariat
1915-1930	Closing Remarks	Prof Ibrahim El-Dukheri, Director General, AOAD & Prof Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, RUFORUM

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