



HOW CAN AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS PROMOTE QUALITY, SAFE AND NUTRITIOUS FOODS FOR HEALTHY DIETS?

Making the case for an investment shift
Implementing the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2017

13.00 – 14.30

Lebanon Room (D-209) | FAO Headquarters, Rome

A light lunch will be served before the start of the event at 12.40

Convened by FAO and WHO

In collaboration with Bangladesh, Ethiopia, World Bank Group and IFAD

Investments affect the way food systems function. One action area of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition focuses on key opportunities to achieve global food security and nutrition targets through conducive agricultural investment policies and programmes.

International financial institutions are taking steps to transform commitments made at the Second International Conference on Nutrition in 2014 into action by mainstreaming nutrition in their agricultural and rural development investments.

The side event will take stock of recent developments aimed at optimizing nutritional returns of agricultural investments. It will review how food supply systems and key policies are linked, and how these policies including financing mechanisms can change food systems to achieve healthier diets and positive behavior changes. Bangladesh and Ethiopia will share their experiences in developing and implementing nutrition-sensitive policies and projects to shape their agricultural investments, and discuss the challenges they are facing (such as data and capacity gaps) in order to strengthen the linkages between agricultural investments and access to and availability of healthy diets.

Aim of the event

To foster better understanding of the Nutrition Decade's action area on trade and investment for improved nutrition and offer an interactive platform for discussion on the way forward and engagement under the Nutrition Decade.



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Moderator – Günter Hemrich, Deputy Director a.i., Nutrition and Food Systems Division, FAO

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| 13.00 – 13.05 | <p>Opening remarks
Khaled El Taweel
<i>Chair CFS Open Ended Working Group – Nutrition, Counsellor and Alternate Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to FAO</i></p> |
| 13.05 – 13.10 | <p>Work programme of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition
Marzella Wüstefeld
<i>Technical Officer, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development, WHO</i></p> |
| 13.10 – 13.20 | <p>Agricultural investments towards nutritious diets
Preeti S. Ahuja
<i>Practice Manager, Food and Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank Group</i></p> |
| 13.20 – 13.30 | <p>Agricultural investments towards increased sensitivity and impact on nutrition
Shantanu Mathur
<i>Lead Adviser, Programme Management Department, IFAD</i></p> |
| 13.30 – 13.50 | <p>Country experiences and challenges on nutrition sensitive agricultural investments</p> <p>Bangladesh – Mafizur Rahman
<i>Counsellor (Economics Affairs) and Alternate Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to FAO</i></p> <p>Ethiopia – Mitiku Tesso Jebessa
<i>Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Permanent Representative of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to FAO</i></p> |
| 13.50 – 14.25 | <p>Q & A Session</p> |
| 14.25 – 14.30 | <p>Closing remarks</p> |