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Thirtieth Session

Antalya, Turkey, 4 - 6 May 2016

Side Event 1

Wednesday, 4 May 2016

12.30h – 13:30h

SEDIR Meeting room

Food Loss and Waste platform

Background/objective

During Turkey's G20 Presidency, FAO supported Development Working Group for drafting G20 Agriculture Ministers' Communiqué and the Implementation Plan of the G20 Food Security and Nutrition Framework. The extent of food loss and waste was highlighted as "a global problem of enormous economic, environmental and societal significance" and all G20 members are encouraged "to strengthen their efforts to address it. Director General of FAO Mr Graziano da Silva stated the reduction of food loss and waste is a good objective for G20 collective action and that the G20 can provide global leadership in this regard.

As a result of G20 action plan on food security and sustainable food systems, the G20 Platform on Measurement and Reduction of Food Loss and Waste was launched 4 December at a special event at the side of the 153rd Council of the FAO.

Objectives:

- Support the Platform on Measurement and Reduction of Food Loss and Waste as it is an important part of the G20 Action Plan on Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems and contribute also action on global initiative on food loss and waste reduction.
- Create awareness on the platform and encourage active participation of member countries to this platform
- Share the key activities implemented at national level with other countries as success story

Key messages

- Food loss and waste is a serious global issue and need attention (SDG 12.3)
- Successes and solutions need to be shared. Turkey and other countries have taken steps to address this issues.
- More work and efforts are needed by the private sector, CSO and governments to have a larger impact on food loss and waste reduction

Language: The Side Event will be interpreted in English, Russian and Turkish language

Provisional Agenda

Moderator: Mr Kerem Divanlioglu, Deputy Director General for Multilateral Economic Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara, Turkey

12:30-12:40	Opening Remarks	Mr Dan Gustafson , Deputy Director-General, FAO, Rome, Italy Mr Nusret Yazici , Undersecretary from Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Ankara, Turkey
12:40-12:55	Introducing the Technical Platform on the Measurement and Reduction of Food Loss and Waste	Mr Anthony Bennett , FAO HQ Ms Simla Tokgoz , International Food Policy Research Institute
12:55-13:10	Food losses and waste in Turkey / Bread campaign in Turkey	Professor Ilkay Dellal , Ankara University-Agriculture Faculty R. Kayhan Unal , Deputy General Director, Turkish Grain Board
13:10-13:30	Discussion	