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Antalya, Turkey, 4 - 6 May 2016

Side Event 3

Thursday, 5 May 2016

17.30h – 19.00h

SEDIR Meeting room

Regional South-South and Triangular Cooperation

Background/objective

South-South Cooperation (SSC), Triangular Cooperation (TrC) and Partnerships with state and non-state actors are playing a greater role than ever before in the international development cooperation landscape. Research advances and innovations in the South are generating new tools that can be up-scaled through partnerships in order to tackle persistent problems linked to food security and nutrition. In REU, developing comprehensive collaborations through SSC and TrC can bring new opportunities to contribute to the regional priorities and Strategic Programs.

The main objectives of the side event are to highlight the results achieved through SSC/TrC facilitated by FAO and to explore opportunities for expanding such cooperation through strategic engagements with national agriculture research institutions of REU member states. Since the launch of its South-South Cooperation Strategy, FAO has promoted SSC as a mechanism enabling policy dialogue, capacity strengthening, and exchange of knowledge and experiences between decision-makers, experts and technical staff on the issues addressed in five Strategic Objectives. With regards to knowledge sharing, a major role can be played by the national agriculture research institutions engaged in agriculture innovations, development of new products and methodologies through research and interdisciplinary studies. They can facilitate capacity development, support evidence based decision-making and bring new advances to support national developmental needs.

The side- event will illustrate FAO's facilitation role in SSC and TrC with a specific focus on strengthening partnerships among research institutions in REU countries. Selected examples of ongoing SSC activities will be presented, as well as the SSC Gateway, an online platform designed to facilitate SSC networking. FAO will facilitate a panel discussion between government representatives (Russia, Azerbaijan) and researchers (CIHEAM, and Turkey), elaborating the role and importance of partnerships amongst research institutions. It will also be an opportunity to present FAO's vision on partnerships with research institutions. The discussion will lead to identifying potential, sustainable partnership opportunities in priority areas, especially Regional Initiatives and other emerging issues that affect food security in the region.

Key messages

This side event aims to:

- Highlight SSC and TrC as mechanism to mobilise available expertise and resources in the region
- Strengthen partnership opportunities within regional and national research institutions through SSC /TrC
- Showcase ongoing programmes and promote the SSC Gateway, an online platform for institutions in the realm of food security and agriculture

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

Provisional Agenda

Moderator: Ms Aysegul Akin, OPCP

17:30-17:40	Welcoming remarks	Mr Vladimir Rakhmanin , ADG REU Mr Serdar Cam , President TIKA, Turkey, (tbc)
17:40-17:55	Presentation: South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation/ Ongoing initiatives and SSC Gateway	Mr Carlos Watson , Team leader , FAO's South- South Cooperation Team (TCS1)
17:55-18:15	Examples, presenting ongoing partnership activities from different angles, including the SSC provider as well as host country perspectives:	
	Example 1: Turkey/FAO Turkey Partnership Programme	Mr Ali Recep Nazli , General Director of Foreign Relations and EU Coordination of Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock
	Example 2: Kyrgyzstan SSC activities	Mr Turdunazir Bekboev , Minister of Agriculture of Kyrgyz Republic
	Example 3: EBRD-FAO joint activities	Mr Emmanuel Hidier , Senior Economist (TCI), FAO-EBRD Focal point
18:15-18:45	Panel discussion: Challenges and Opportunities in REU for strengthening SSC/TRC between governments, research institutions and other stakeholders The panel discussion will highlight how to strengthen partnership opportunities	Representative from the Azerbaijan delegation (tbc) Mr Ivan Konstantinopolskiy Third Secretary Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to FAO and other UN Agencies in Rome, Italy

within regional and national research institutions through SSC/TrC

Dr Nevzat Birisik, General Director of Agriculture Policy and Research of Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock, Turkey

Mr Luigi Cavestro, CIHEAM Bari Programme Manager

Ms Darya Alekseeva, Partnership Officer, FAO REU

18:45-19:00 Q&A and Wrap-up