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FAO at the World Humanitarian Summit **23-24 May 2016 | Istanbul, Turkey**

The first-ever World Humanitarian Summit will take place in Istanbul on 23-24 May 2016. It comes at a time when the world is witnessing the highest level of humanitarian needs since the Second World War.

Rural communities are often the hardest hit by crises and disasters. FAO believes that much more must be done to ensure they have unimpeded access to food and nutrition and that their livelihoods, which are mostly based on agriculture, are protected.

Globally disasters and conflicts are increasing in frequency and magnitude. These are as diverse as Typhoon Haiyan, the recent Ebola outbreak, and civil war in Syria, to name just a few.

Supporting agricultural livelihoods can help reduce risks, promote stability, and drive post-crisis recovery. Investing in agriculture is a good investment in building a future in which no one is left behind.

At the Summit the FAO delegation led by Director-General José Graziano da Silva will participate in the following events:

DAY 1 – Monday, 23 May

Side Event on Resilience: Translating Promise into Reality

11:00 – 12:30 | Dolmabahce C, LKCC Building

Dominique Burgeon, FAO Director of Emergency and Rehabilitation Division and Strategic Programme Leader on Resilience will join other panelists to look at ways to strengthen resilience interventions so that they can improve the effectiveness of humanitarian action.

Side Event on Walking the Last Mile: A joint global analysis of food crises to inform planning and resource allocation decisions

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17:00-18:30 | Rumeli Hall 1, LKCC Building

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva will be one of the keynote speakers at this event organized by the European Union, FAO and the World Food Programme. Discussions will focus on how to unite the myriad risk analysis and early warning systems that exist today into a single global report and network.

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 24 May

High Level Leaders’ Round Table on Natural Disasters and Climate Change: Managing Risks & Crises Differently

09:00-11:00 | Beyazit Hall (ICC)

Co-moderated by FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva, discussions will look at ways to build on the global agreements made in 2015 to commit to a more collective approach to managing risks, and increasing investments in preparedness.

Side Event on Building Resilience to Increasing Risks of Pandemic Threats

11:00-12:30 | Rumeli Hall 3, LKCC Building

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva will be a keynote speaker as leaders and experts in global health and technology discuss how to stimulate action to prevent and address Emerging Pandemic Threats.

Side Event on Zero Hunger by 2030 – Food and Nutrition Security for All

13:30-15:00 | Rumeli Hall 3, LKCC Building

FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva will join other panelists at this event during which summit participants can highlight the commitments they are making at the Summit to advance the Secretary General’s Agenda for Humanity, what it will take to achieve Zero Hunger and other Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, and the obstacles that must be overcome.

Side Event on Why Energy Matters: How energy access can transform the lives of those most at risk of being left behind and transcend the humanitarian-development divide

13:00-14:30 | Hisar , LKCC Building

FAO Assistant Director-General Technical Cooperation, Laurent Thomas will be a panelist at this session on sustainably improving energy access for displaced communities.

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