Informal Consultation Meeting for Europe and Central Asia
Budapest, 29-30 May 2017

Information Note for Participants

Consultation venue
The Informal Consultation Meeting for Europe and Central Asia will be held in the Conference Room of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary (1055 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos ter 11). The event will start at 12.00 hours on Monday, 29 May, and will conclude at 14.00 hours on Tuesday, 30 May.

On-site Registration
The Consultation will begin with on-site registration of participants from 11.00 to 13.00 hours on 29 May 2017, during which participants will be provided with the Consultation working documents on a pen-drive.

Catering Services
Buffet lunch and coffee breaks will be provided on both days of the Consultation.

Reception
The Government of Hungary will host a reception on Monday, 29 May 2017 to which all delegates are cordially invited. Details on the place and time will additionally be provided at the consultation.

Working languages
The working languages of the Consultation will be English and Russian, with simultaneous interpretation during the plenary.

Working documents
All documents will be made available on the dedicated website of the Informal Consultation as they become ready http://www.fao.org/europe/events/detail-events/en/c/877206/ and will also be provided to participants on pen-drives during registration on site. As there will be WiFi at the Consultation venue enabling access to pre-session documents online, participants are encouraged to carry personal lap-tops (for which electrical outlets will be made available in the meeting room) in order reduce the need for hard copy documents. Printed copies of documents will be made available on the spot only upon request and in limited quantities, in an effort to achieve a paperless Consultation.
Accommodation for Consultation Participants

Accommodation is to be booked and covered directly by the participants. A list of proposed hotels, with a location nearby the venue of the Consultation, can be found below. Please note that there were no block reservations made, therefore the FAO Regional Office cannot guarantee availability in these hotels.

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<td>H-1137 Budapest, Vígzház u. 3.</td>
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Exchange of foreign currency

Foreign currency may be exchanged at the airport or at exchange offices and banks in town. It is not advisable to exchange foreign currency at the airport, as the rates are about 20% higher than in the exchange offices/banks in town. The approximate exchange rates at the exchange offices/banks in town are: 1€ = HUF 312, and 1 US$ = HUF 293 (as at 14 March 2017).

Electricity

Electricity voltage in Hungary is 220 volts with European model sockets. Should there be a need for an electricity adapter, participants should make sure they bring it along with them.

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